

Gales end long Indian summer

More gale-force winds and squally showers across most of Britain today will signal the definitive end of the long Indian summer, the London Weather Centre said last night (David Cross writes). After a month or so of unseasonably dry and still weather, the first autumnal gales, gusting up to 60 mph, struck the south yesterday, bringing flooding and a spate of road accidents. On the M2 near Rochester, Kent, a lorry was blown on its side as it tried to cross the River Medway, and the Severn Bridge on the M4 was closed to high-sided vehicles. Trees were uprooted and buildings damaged in the Chatham area, while flood alerts were in force in the Rhonda Valley in South Wales. The Pennines, North Wales and Highlands had their first snow dustings. The centre said the unsettled weather was likely to continue into mid-week. Forecast, page 24

Games appeal

Birmingham is likely to lower its sights and bid for the Commonwealth Games after the failure of its bid to stage the 1992 Olympics (Craig Seton writes). Mr Denis Howell, the president of Birmingham's Olympic bid committee, said yesterday that the city needed a "period of reflection" before deciding whether to bid for the 1996 or 2000 games. Civic leaders now believe that Birmingham might do better bidding for the 1994 Commonwealth Games and other international sporting events.

Revolver pair fined

The two men charged with unlawfully possessing a firearm during the Conservative Party conference thought it was a replica weapon, Bournemouth magistrates were told yesterday. Simon John Manns and Anthony Joseph Hassid, both aged 21, pleaded guilty to the charge that in Bournemouth and elsewhere between September 1 and October 7 they had in their possession without authority a firearm, namely a .22 calibre revolver designed to discharge a noxious liquid or gas. They were each fined £250 and ordered to pay £37.50 costs. The court was told they have since been dismissed as trainee managers at the Highcliff Hotel, Bournemouth.

Ear PC is dismissed

The policeman who hit off part of another officer's ear during a rugby match was dismissed at a South Wales police disciplinary hearing yesterday. Police Constable Richard Johnson, aged 31, is serving a six-month jail sentence after being convicted of wounding another policeman, Keith Jones, with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Johnson, of Harford Street, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan had his appeal against the prison sentence rejected last week.

Synod confirms ban

The ban on the Movement for the Ordination of Women using Church House, Westminster, imposed after a woman priest used a room there to celebrate Holy Communion, will remain in force at least until next spring, it was disclosed yesterday. The service in question was taken by the Reverend Joyce Bennett, aged 63, who was ordained in Hong Kong, before the movement's annual meeting on October 4.

Bread price to rise despite large harvest

The price of bread is expected to rise next month by 2p for a standard white loaf, in spite of what is estimated to have been the second largest harvest ever (John Young writes). The increase comes at a time when British grain exports are booming, a paradox that can be explained by the fact that farmers are growing the wrong product for the domestic market. It is certain to reinforce the view that the intervention system is distorting the laws of supply and demand and working against the interests of consumers. The Ministry of Agriculture has estimated that this year's cereal harvest will reach 24.6 million tonnes, which is close to the prediction of 24.5 million tonnes made by *The Times* in its latest crop survey published a month ago. But the quality of milling wheat is below average throughout Europe, and the consequent shortage has pushed prices up. Unable to obtain adequate domestic supplies, British bakers have been forced to buy breadmaking wheat from abroad, while export shipments from Britain of feed wheat and barley are at their highest level for months, if not years.

Stalker may sue to recover legal costs

Mr John Stalker, the deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, may sue his police authority to recover the £21,000 he spent clearing his name after its refusal to volunteer the money (Ian Smith writes). Mr Stalker, who was reinstated after a three-month investigation into his alleged association with known criminals, yesterday met with lawyers to discuss his next move. The refusal by Mr Stalker's employers last Friday to foot the legal bill means he may be forced to re-mortgage his home.

Judge offers £100 reward after mugging of court usher

He told the court it was not enough that the woman official was recompensed with money. "These men must be caught and I am putting up the reward." Miss Rosena Jones, aged 60, a court usher, was badly injured last Thursday when she was attacked near her home in Mile End, east London, after work. She was leaving Mile End Underground station when two young men ambushed her and dragged her to the ground, stealing her handbag with

'Secret' report paints grim jobs picture

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter
The Labour Party claimed yesterday that it had uncovered an unpublished Government report revealing that unemployment will still be more than three million by 1990. It also said that the report painted a "grim" picture of job prospects in Britain's worst affected regions. The disclosures came from Mr Gordon Brown, Labour's regional affairs spokesman, and are based on *UK Regional Development Programme 1986-90*, which was prepared for the Department of Trade and Industry and sent to the

European Commission during the summer. But the Department insist the figures are "assumptions not predictions" and denied that ministers had sought to keep them secret. A spokesman said it had been compiled to substantiate Britain's application for aid from the European Regional Development Fund. The report says the predictions are taken from the 1986 Public Expenditure White Paper, a public document, which forms the basis of future Government spending plans. Mr Giles Shaw, MP for Pudsey, had sent Mr Brown a copy of the 1,120 page, 17 volume report after he had asked questions about it in the Commons. But Mr Brown accused the Government of "disguising" the UK's jobless outlook at home while "pleading guilty to mistaken policies" in the report. The report, which projects unemployment of 3,117,000 by the end of the decade, slightly less than today's 3,197,000, summarizes the economic prospects for the country's 11 regions. Mr Brown said: "The regional projections are a grim admission that the country is divided into two separate economies. Prospects for reducing unemployment range from 'gloomy' and

"frighteningly bleak" to impossible until "fundamental problems" requiring more public spending are resolved. "Region by region summaries on the state of the local economies refer to 'collapsing', 'derelict', 'decaying' and 'obsolescent' services and infrastructure, to jobs lost through public spending restraints and to a private sector failure to invest." The report amounted to private confessions by failed monetarists that their policies have created abandoned industrial hinterlands, Mr Brown, MP for Dunfermline East, said. He said the North East, the North West and the West Midlands were highlighted as areas with the gloomiest prospects. Greater Manchester was facing a "serious situation in which some aspects of the infrastructure are in a state of collapse." He added: "It is not a document that the Government wanted to pass over to the European Commission." The report reveals that the Government has been destroying the means by which a recovery can take place. "The private sector has not been encouraged sufficiently to invest and public services are in such disrepair they cannot attract industry."

£133,300 bribe must be repaid by fugitive

Mr Jonathan Denby, the City solicitor sought by Scotland Yard since an incident in June in which two policemen were held at gunpoint, was ordered by the High Court yesterday to repay to former clients a bribe of £133,300. The runaway solicitor now faces pressing legal bills approaching £300,000. Mr Denby, who has been missing since the incident, was ordered by the High Court to pay interest accruing on the bribe of £55,054 and the costs of the action, estimated at about £60,000, brought by his former clients, the Iranian state shipping lines. At the moment his former legal partners are about to sell his elegant London home to realize money owed to them. The hearing, which finished yesterday, had been told that Mr Denby, while acting for the Iranians in a dispute with Greek shipowners in 1983, had accepted a payment of £133,300 from the Greek interests to ensure a speedy settlement in their favour and had paid the sum into his Swiss bank account. Immediately after the hearing solicitors for the shipping lines indicated they would actively seek to enforce the judgment through distraint upon Mr Denby's assets. However, much of his property is already the subject of charges by his six former partners in the firm of Lloyd Denby Neal, who "dismissed" Mr Denby on learning of the bribe allegations by dissolving the partnership, and sued him for the recovery of their costs. A report on yesterday's court proceedings will be going to the adjudication committee of the new Solicitors Complaints Bureau.

Nato worries over US role in nuclear strategy

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent
Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, will come under pressure from Nato allies today to provide reassurance that President Reagan is not planning to bargain away the West's carefully nurtured nuclear deterrent strategy. At the Nato Nuclear Planning Group meeting at Gleneagles Hotel in Scotland, defence ministers from Western Europe will be anxious to hear first hand exactly how far the US Administration is prepared to go in negotiations with the Soviet Union. Mr Weinberger, a hard-liner on arms control issues, was not with the American team that went to the Reykjavik summit. Some Nato military sources suggested yesterday that he also may have been taken back by the proposals finally put on the table in Iceland by President Reagan, relating to the elimination of intermediate-range missiles based in Europe and the dismantling of all ballistic missiles within 10 years. Nato governments have gone from one confusing analysis to another since the ending of the Reykjavik summit. First, it was talk of failure, then, with the Americans putting a bold face on it, there was surprise and encouragement that so much was achieved between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, even though no agreement was reached. Finally, there was alarm, even panic, in certain quarters, especially among the military, that President Reagan had outlined to Mr Gorbachev such a comprehensive proposal to dismantle the East-West nuclear arsenals. Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, was said last night to be keenly interested to hear Mr Weinberger's judgement of the summit. That was not the case with the West Germans, who are worried that the removal of all intermediate-range missiles from Europe would leave the Warsaw Pact with a monopoly in short-range nuclear missiles. In London yesterday Mr Richard Perle, the American Assistant Defence Secretary, said he believed it was still possible to come to an agreement with the Soviet Union on reducing the intermediate nuclear missiles.



The dog handlers, Mr David Jones (left) and Mr David Riley, who returned from El Salvador yesterday and were welcomed by the Salvadorean ambassador to Britain.

British dog rescue team is praised

Señor Mauricio Rosales, the Salvadorean ambassador in Britain, yesterday praised the efforts of a 14-man British rescue team and their two Border collies, Meg and Loch, in searching for survivors beneath the rubble of the earthquake-torn capital, San Salvador. "They faced a very difficult task but their resilience and hard work is a sample of the generosity of Britain," Señor Rosales said as he welcomed the men at Heathrow airport. The British team, members of the International Rescue Corps, were part of a rescue operation by more than 17 nations after a series of earthquakes shook the capital and outlying areas 10 days ago. The ambassadors had received a telex from the El Salvador government on Sunday requesting more international aid and he would be asking the British government for food supplies, especially powdered milk, and medical supplies to treat hundreds of people who had suffered fractures. The dogs flew home with the team from San Salvador via Miami but they will have to spend six months in quarantine at Manchester before they are reunited with their handlers, Mr David Jones, of Penmaenmawr, north Wales, and Mr David Riley, of Whitehaven, Cumbria, who are also members of the Search and Dog Rescue Association. Reconstruction begins, 10.

US Navy to stay at Holy Loch

By Our Whitehall Correspondent
American Navy officials tried to dampen reports yesterday that they plan to move out of the nuclear submarine base at Holy Loch in Scotland by the mid 1990s. Holy Loch is used by the US Navy as a forward maintenance base for the Poseidon ballistic missile submarine fleet. But by the mid 1990s the Poseidon submarines will be replaced by Trident. A report in an American magazine, *Defense Week*, claims that negotiations are in progress between the British Government and the United States administration on whether to leave the base. However US Navy sources said yesterday: "It has already been acknowledged that when we shift to an all-Trident fleet, some decision will have to be made on the facilities that currently support Poseidon. But there are no plans to abandon Holy Loch." The Ministry of Defence yesterday denied negotiations were going on.

Printers push on Wapping

By Tim Jones
Print unions in dispute with News International are to put fresh pressure on the TUC to demand that the electricians' union be disciplined for not ordering members to cease working for the company. Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, agreed yesterday that the finance and general purposes committee should meet the unions collectively after he had discussed the situation individually. Sogat '82 and the National Graphical Association are increasingly bitter over the TUC's reluctance to implement the congress decision in September to censure its general council for not directing the Electrical, Electronic and Plumbing Union to instruct members to stop working at Wapping. News International's final offer, which involved compensation of £58 million, was rejected. However, many former employees have approached the company to seek individual settlements. End of the Street, page 16

'Moral obligation' to save coal jobs

By Ian Smith
British Coal has a moral obligation to keep open a big loss-making pit to prevent the social and economic death of a South Yorkshire mining community, a coal board hearing has been told. An independent review body said that instead of closing Cadeby colliery, which in the past three years has lost £19 million, the board could save 500 jobs by investing £8.5 million to develop unworked seams where eight million tonnes of coal will otherwise never be mined. Mr Anthony Diamond, QC, who chaired a three-day hearing on the proposed closure last month under colliery review procedure, agreed in a 76-page report to British Coal that Cadeby would never make money. "On pure financial grounds I have no reason to regard as unreasonable the decision to close the pit. But the board does in my view owe a moral obligation to consider the detriment to the local community," he said. The report will be presented at a meeting of British Coal directors on November 7. A spokesman said yesterday that the board was not bound by the recommendations. "More than 500 men defied a 24-hour strike call at Wearmouth colliery, Sunderland, one of North-east England's biggest collieries, yesterday. The strike was called by the Durham mechanics section of the NUM, as part of a series of one-day stoppages.

Lawson to link pay and profit

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent
Mr Nigel Lawson hopes to push ahead with profit-related pay schemes in spite of a less than enthusiastic response from industry. The Chancellor believes a closer link between pay and profits would give employees a more direct interest in their company's success, improve industrial relations, and enable firms to reduce pay rather than make workers redundant in a slump. As an incentive aimed at encouraging more companies to adopt profit-sharing agreements, he has suggested some tax relief for employees. After outlining his proposals in the Budget, the Chancellor published a Green Paper inviting comments from both sides of industry. Most submissions have reached the Treasury, and with the exception of the Institute of Directors, they are far from favourable. The Engineering Employers' Federation and TUC have opposed the scheme and the Confederation of British Industry is expected to submit a lukewarm response this week. But Mr Lawson has widespread support on the Conservative backbenches for the principle of profit-related pay and close colleagues believe he is so committed to the idea that he will announce legislation in next year's Budget.

Labour in split over candidate

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent
The Labour Party is expected to decide tomorrow whether to impose a parliamentary candidate on Knowsley North and prevent Mr Leslie Hucklefield, a left-winger, from standing in the imminent by-election. Although the move would be unprecedented, senior members of the national executive committee are giving notice that they will fight Mr Hucklefield's candidature for a contest regarded as crucial in the run-up to the next election. The Alliance is hoping to use the by-election, which could be next month, as a launching pad for a comeback after its disappointing conference season. Neither the Labour leadership nor the large centre-right grouping on the national executive want Mr Hucklefield to be the party's standard bearer. But if the selection process had been allowed to go ahead as planned, Mr Hucklefield, the Euro MP for Merseyside East, would almost certainly have been chosen, having gained far more nominations than any other candidate in the field. An NEC inquiry into whether Mr Hucklefield broke an undertaking not to stand for a Westminster seat while a Euro MP is almost complete and a report is to be given to the NEC tomorrow. The Alliance is clearly hoping that Mr Hucklefield will be selected. He is backed by the Militant Tendency and would give the Alliance a target. There were signs of relief in the Alliance camp yesterday as a reported move which appeared to have switched the balance towards Mr Hucklefield. The Transport and General Workers' Union, on whose parliamentary panel Mr Hucklefield appears, informed the party that he has been given the overwhelming backing of the union's north-west region.

Strike ends at Jaguar factory

Eight hundred assembly workers at Jaguar's plant in Coventry ended a two day strike yesterday when the company agreed to suspend a time and motion "efficiency" study. The strike caused lost production of more than 100 cars worth more than £2 million in the showrooms.

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Doctors say the next seven days will be critical

Comatose woman's baby girl has 'fair' chance of life

Britain's first baby born to a comatose mother who was kept breathing by a life-support machine, was in an incubator last night, being monitored by a team of paediatricians in a special-baby unit at Middlesbrough.

By Ian Smith and Pearce Wright

she has been on life-support equipment in Middlesbrough General Hospital's intensive care unit ever since.

Two senior doctors working independently will conduct tests within the next seven days to determine whether brain stem function has ceased and Mrs Bell is legally and medically dead.

Her husband, Ian, aged 32, a maintenance fitter, will not be allowed to play any part in deciding the outcome of the tests, which will take no more than 30 minutes to perform.

A doctor emphasized that their decision will rest solely on medical grounds and that Mr Bell and other relatives will be kept fully informed.

During the past five weeks paediatricians at the general hospital have consulted colleagues in the United States and Sweden where two other babies have been born in similar circumstances.

What hospital administrators described as a "young team of doctors" carried out Sunday night's historic operation.

Mr Stewart Hutchinson, a consultant gynaecologist, worked alongside Dr Peter Morell, a paediatrician, and Dr Ian Riddie, an anaesthetist.

The baby is now in the care of a team of three paediatricians and 35 nurses, 10 of them sisters, who each year care for approximately 70 premature babies in the special-care baby unit.

Mrs Heather Harding, a hospital spokeswoman, said of Nicola: "It is very early days yet and we are having to take each day as it comes, and hope

there are no problems. There is no way of knowing at this stage what will be the outcome."

In California last July, a baby, Michelle Henderson, was born after her mother had been diagnosed brain-dead almost two months earlier.

The pregnancy of Marie Odette Henderson, aged 34, who suffered a brain tumour, was allowed to continue after her boy friend went to court to stop her being disconnected from a life-support system.

The baby was 4lb 5oz at birth.

The 1lb 14oz baby born to Mrs Bell is in a more delicate state. Nevertheless, doctors were optimistic about her future because of advances in intensive care of premature babies.

A consultant paediatrician in London said a baby of that weight could have an 80 per cent chance today of thriving.

Premature babies of 1lb 3oz, born at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, were once flourishing infants. A generation ago there was little prospect of a baby under 2lb 8oz surviving.

The most important advance singled out in the rapid progress during the past five years was the improvement in the equipment and methods for good ventilation from birth. But it was combined with special care at the birth, a better understanding of nutritional balance and ways of feeding premature babies, development of micro-electronic monitors for constant surveillance, and intensive nursing.



Five members of the Middlesbrough hospital team which is looking after Nicola Bell round the clock (from left): Sister Anne Lampson, Staff Nurse Julie Carr, Dr Mamood Saeed, Staff Nurse Mary Rose Fealey and Sister Jeanne Leech.

'Bomb in bag' poser for terror case jury

Nezar Hindawi, a Jordanian, betrayed the love of an unsophisticated Irish woman in a Syrian-backed attempt to blow up an El Al jet with 375 on board, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

"Was ever a woman worse used by a man?" Mr Roy Amlet, for the prosecution, asked in his closing speech to the jury.

Miss Ann Murphy, "a simple Irish lass and a Catholic, lies at the heart" of the case against Mr Hindawi, he added.

It is alleged that Mr Hindawi used Miss Murphy, aged 32, to carry a bomb on to an Israeli jet at Heathrow Airport. Mr Hindawi, also aged 32, a journalist of no fixed address, denies attempting to blow up the jet on April 17.

Mr Amlet told the jury that the single issue they must decide was whether Mr Hindawi knew there was a bomb in the bag he gave Miss Murphy.

His motives were irrelevant, although "no doubt you will come to the conclusion on the evidence that there was some perverted political motive for doing something as heinous as was contemplated".

Another irrelevant was whether anyone else was involved, "He alone is on trial".

Mr Amlet said two things were crystal clear.

"If that plane had been destroyed there would be no evidence whatsoever of Syrian involvement. Miss Murphy would have gone up with the others and no one would have been wiser to Mr Hindawi's part in it or to the part of the Syrians."

Miss Murphy was caught at Heathrow, as she was, on the evidence that could come from her there could be no Syrian involvement. To her he was a Jordanian and not a Syrian.

But Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, in his closing speech for the defence, told the jury: "Messad (the Israeli intelligence service) is in this case. Have no doubt about that. The spectre cannot be talked away."

He added that although he had no firm evidence "you would not expect it if these agencies are doing their work."

"There is a Machiavellian element among those people who deal in such things. The end justified the means."

Mr Gray claimed that the bag given to Miss Murphy by Mr Hindawi was reddish brown and not the blue one produced in court as the bag which contained the bomb.

He also asked why, if Mr Hindawi had frequently touched the bag before giving it to Miss Murphy, there was no evidence of his fingerprints on it.

The hearing continues.

Writer fined after Customs win their bet

The magazine columnist Jeffrey Bernard was fined £200 at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday after paying £12 winnings on an illegal bet to Customs officers in a public house.

Bernard, who writes the Low Life column in The Spectator, admitted acting as an illegal bookmaker and evading tax for five months at the Coach and Horses, Greek Street, Soho, London.

He had told readers of the magazine all about the fun he and his friends had placing bets on TV racing.

The article tipped off Customs officers who kept watch on four Saturdays between June and September.

The officers posed so realistically as regular punters that they won £12 from Bernard on a £2 bet on the 1.40 at Ayr with a horse called Irish Passage and had arrested him after placing another bet on one called Aid and Abet, the court was told.

When Bernard was told the punters were Customs officers he said: "Did they win? I hope they got expenses if they lost."

The Bamber trial Model possessed 'deep and intense' hatred for mother

A close friend of former London model Sheila Caffell feared that she would "do something nasty" months before she and her family were massacred, a jury was told yesterday.

Mr Freddie Emami, a restaurant manager, said that Mrs Caffell, known as "Bambi", had a "quick and violent temper".

His evidence was read to the jury on the thirteenth day of the trial of Jeremy Bamber at Chelmsford Crown Court.

Mr Bamber, denies killing his adoptive parents Neville and June Bamber, both aged 61, his step-sister, Mrs Caffell, and her twin sons, Nicholas and Daniel, aged six, at the family farmhouse in Essex so he could inherit the £436,000 estate.

Police at first believed that Mrs Caffell carried out the killings before committing suicide.

Mr Emami described how, shortly before the murders, he called at Mrs Caffell's flat in London and she appeared "jumpy, uptight and panicky".

"I felt she might do something nasty and I was extremely concerned for everyone's safety. It eventually got to the stage where I could no longer handle it. Sheila was talking like a person possessed and mumbling about God."

Mr Emami, who described himself as "more of a confidant than a boyfriend", said Sheila had a "deep and intense dislike" for Mrs June Bamber.

"She said her mother was always quoting religion at her

The Bamber trial

At 17 Sheila's mother found her in a rather sexually provoking incident and called her the devil's child

and telling her it was wrong to make love to her boy friends and that she should remember God," he said.

After the killings Mr Emami was extremely shocked. "If it had just been her stepmother who had been killed I could have accepted that, but not her whole family," he said.

Mrs Barbara Mavick, a social worker, said Mrs Caffell first came to the attention of Camden social services in

became "more manageable" but she then suffered a "natural relapse" and was taken back to hospital at her father's request in March last year, five months before the killings.

Dr Ferguson said: "She wanted to be in touch with God and she wanted to be by Jesus's side, but she was very demented and incoherent. I did not regard her as actively seeking to die or as suicidal."

He told the court he had warned Mrs Caffell against using cannabis because it would increase the risk of relapse. The jury has been told that traces of the drug were found in her urine after the massacre and that in the past she was known to have used cocaine.

He said that Mrs Caffell's concept of evil had emanated from her adoptive mother.

"At the age of 17 her mother found her in a rather sexually provoking incident and called her the devil's child. This concept of the devil's child had lingered to some extent."

Asked by Mr Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, for the defence, what his reaction had been to news of the killings, he replied: "I felt shock and horror. I did not feel she was someone who could be violent to her children or to her father, but I was aware that she was a badly disturbed woman and had highly-disturbed feelings towards her mother."

The judge then adjourned the court to a police rifle range in Colchester, Essex, for the jury to hear the murder weapon being fired without a silencer fitted.

The trial continues today.

Three face racehorse charges

By David Cross

The trainer of Flockton Grey, the two-year-old gelding which was involved in an alleged horse racing switch, is to appear before the Jockey Club today on three disciplinary charges.

Mr Stephen Wiles, his wife, Mrs Elaine Wiles, and his father, Mr Frederick Wiles, are accused of entering an unqualified horse for a race and deliberately misleading Jockey Club officials.

It is alleged that the three substituted Good Hand, a similar-looking three-year-old, for Flockton Grey at the last minute in the Knighton Auction Stakes at Leicester on March 29, 1982. Good Hand won by 20 lengths at odds of 10-1.

A Jockey Club spokeswoman said yesterday that the case against the accused was based on three breaches of the rules. Penalties range from a fine of up to £3,250 or disqualification, which would bar them from attending race meetings as spectators. The hearing will be at the Jockey Club headquarters in Portman Square, central London.

In June 1984, two businessmen, Mr Kenneth Richardson and Mr Colin Mathison, and Mr Peter Boddy, a horse-box driver, all of Driffield, Humberside, were fined and given suspended sentences at York Crown Court for conspiring to defraud bookmakers.

A High Court appeal was rejected. The three men will face a Jockey Club disciplinary hearing next month.

The two horses involved in the alleged race switch are being held at Beverley, Humberside.

Murders quizz for 12,000

The two Brighton schoolgirls sexually assaulted and strangled almost a fortnight ago might have been "larking about" with two youths shortly before they were murdered, Sussex police said last night.

Officers involved in the case yesterday completed their 12,000th interview of people living locally.

Unified family court demanded

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A unified family court which also offers a range of a welfare, conciliation and counselling services must be set up urgently, the Family Courts Campaign said yesterday.

The campaign, a consortium of more than 100 individuals and groups, says that the consensus of its members is that a family court system is more than a judicial forum.

"It is the heart of a network of agencies and services available to families in trouble," it says in its response to the Government's family court consultation paper.

The campaign says there is an "overwhelming" need for a family court to improve the way the legal system handles domestic and family issues

involving almost two million people every year.

Mr Tony du Santoy, campaign co-ordinator, said yesterday: "A family court is a realistic reform that could be implemented without extra cost."

The key features of a family court system should be:

• Wide jurisdiction embracing all family matters except juvenile crime;

• Three tiers for the distribution of work with a single point of entry for all cases, to be allocated by the family court registrar; a main working tier where registrars or judges could sit alone or with lay members; and a higher tier for appeals and complex cases;

• A bench which involves experienced and trained lay men

News man 'died from riot blows'

A freelance photographer working for The Sunday Telegraph died from head injuries received while photographing looters at a jeweller's shop during the Brixton riots last year, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, for the prosecution, said at first it seemed Mr David Hodge had been badly injured after being punched and kicked by up to 12 youths. But he went into a coma on October 10 and died nine days later.

Pathologists found that Mr Hodge had been suffering an aneurysm in the head, possibly since birth, which can cause sudden death as a result of a burst blood vessel.

"It is the view of pathologists that the bursting of the blood vessels was caused directly or indirectly by the various blows to the head he received," Mrs Mills said.

Elroy Palmer, aged 18, a security guard, of Effra Parade, Brixton, south London, denies the manslaughter of Mr Hodge, aged 29, of Mile End Road, east London, and robbing him of a Nikko camera.

The trial continues today.

Stepfather denies threats

The stepfather of the missing schoolgirl, Keighley Barton, denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he used threats to make her withdraw allegations that he sexually abused her. Ronald Barton, aged 46, a mini-cab driver, of Mildenhall Road, Clapton, east London, denies abducting and murdering Keighley, aged 14, whose body has not been found.

Mr Michael Worsley, QC, for the prosecution, has alleged that Mr Barton's motives for getting rid of the girl were to stop her accusing him in court of sexually interfering with her, and also to get revenge on his wife because she was living with another man.

In court, Mr Barton agreed that in 1980, when the girl was aged nine, he admitted two charges of indecency with her and was given a suspended sentence. Similar allegations were made on two subsequent occasions and later withdrawn.

Mr Robin Grey, QC, for Mr Barton, earlier said there was no evidence that Keighley was dead.

£29 for week's holiday in Greece

By Derek Harris

The holidays being a week on a standby basis although customers can choose specific dates for travelling. Skytours is offering specific holidays.

The bargains are expected to be sold within minutes when travel agents open their doors.

But Intasun has also boosted the number of other special offers to encourage early booking including lower-than-normal £40 deposits and 10,000 free places for children.

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But the early-booking bargains would be running out by

Christmas and prices could then rise, he said. The Intasun special offers mostly are available only until December 20.

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Portfolio - Gold - Housewife finds cold comfort.

A housewife is the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Lynne Dell, aged 27, from Folkestone in Kent, has played the Portfolio Gold game since it started in The Times.

"But I am suffering from a cold and I thought that I was wrong when my numbers matched yesterday. So I got out my calculator and did it again."

"I just could not believe my luck when I finally realized that I had won."

Mrs Dell said she intended spending the prize money on her children. "I have two little boys who would love bicycles."

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Mrs Lynne Dell will spend cash on sons.

Boy burglar's pet dog led police to him

A boy burglar was betrayed to the police by his pet dog, a juvenile court in Teesside was told yesterday. The boy aged 13 left his Doberman tied up in a warehouse at Middlesbrough before escaping with computer cassettes, radios and first aid kits.

When detectives put a rope halter around the dog's neck, it led them half a mile to its owner's house. Mr John Tate, the boy's solicitor, told the court it was the most bizarre arrest he had heard about.

The boy, who admitted burglary and theft, was conditionally discharged for a year and ordered to pay £20 compensation. His mother said later: "His dad gave him six of the best when the police turned up. But the lad was so happy to see his dog again he patted him on the back."

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Compensation for fraud against investors agreed

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A central compensation fund to provide a fallback for investors in the event of the failure of investment organizations was agreed by the House of Lords. The system, for compensating investors when claims cannot be satisfied, was established by a Government new clause, agreed without division, during the third day of the report stage to the House of Lords of the Financial Services Bill.

The new clause allows the Secretary of State to provide rules to establish a scheme for compensating investors in cases where authorized persons are unable or are likely to be unable to satisfy claims in respect of any civil liability incurred by them in connection with their investment business.

Lord Metcalf of Harrogate (Lab) moved an amendment to the new clause, providing that the maximum compensation payable to any single investor should be not less than £100,000, which was rejected by 110 votes to 45.

Cost of counting jobless

The cost of counting the unemployed, paying unemployment benefit and maintaining records is expected to be some £277 million in 1986-87, Lord Young of Grafton, Secretary of State for Employment, said in reply to a question in the House of Lords.

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COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

thoughts of an early election with the Conservatives trailing Labour in the polls and the Alliance doing quite well. But the success of this year's party conferences from the Conservative standpoint must have presented her with a new dilemma.

Now there is the possibility of an electoral weather window for the Government. The first signs came with the Liberal fracas over defence. This had the double effect of exposing the disunity of the Alliance and of highlighting a potential winning issue for the Conservatives.

The Labour conference displayed a more united party than for years, but it also focused still more attention on defence by presenting Labour policy in a more unequivocal light than ever before.

To cap it all, the Conservative conference seemed to be almost an extended pre-election rally, raising party morale and parading their policies for a third time.

With unemployment at last showing a more encouraging trend, and inflation still at a moderate level, in spite of last

month's increase, these may seem just the circumstances for an early election, provided that sterling does not cause any further embarrassment.

Conservative fortunes next time will depend critically upon squeezing the Alliance vote. So what could be better than to go into the campaign with the Alliance in disarray and moderate voters liable to be frightened by Labour's defence policy?

The earliest acceptable time would be early summer, and the best way to make a summer contest acceptable would be to let an election atmosphere develop in the meantime. But what if there is a sterling crisis by then? What if the Alliance has got its act together? What if, for any reason, the polls were to turn really sour?

Might not Mrs Thatcher then be in just the same predicament as Mr Callaghan, having to puncture an electoral balloon which she had allowed to soar out of control? Yet if she stifles election speculation in the meantime, as she can, she would find it harder to justify a summer election.

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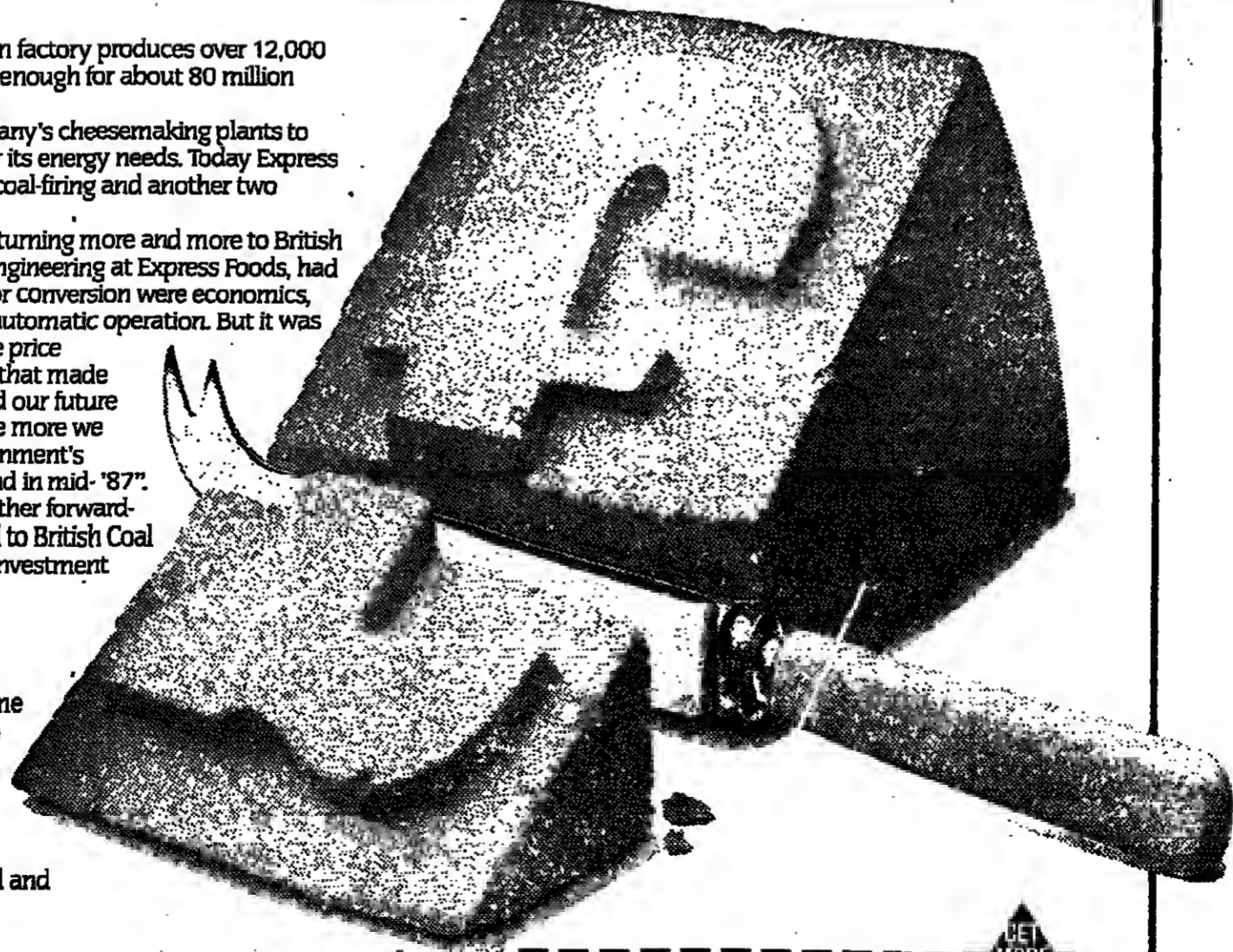
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Teachers dealing with wave of unruly pupils in primary schools

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

A picture of unprecedented disruption and disobedience among primary school children emerges from evidence recently given by head teachers to two London University researchers.

Violent behaviour such as attacking teachers and fellow pupils, throwing books and chairs, as well as spitting and swearing in the classroom are all to be found in children at earlier ages than ever before according to the survey published in the latest edition of *Educational Studies*.

Ten years ago there was a consensus among teachers that such action would begin to emerge in difficult pupils only at the age of 10. Now, the heads say, the average age has fallen to six and a half, and in some cases, five years.

The research by Dr Jean Lawrence and Mr David Steed, of Goldsmiths' College, covered 85 primary school heads in 38 local education authorities.

Apart from generally questioning head teachers

about their perceptions of how infant behaviour had changed over the years, more than 500 primary teachers were requested to register all disruptive incidents in a single school day.

These totalled 312, including a boy who tried to tear up his music book because the teacher had not chosen his favourite hymn.

Mr Steed said yesterday that the problems were particularly acute in children who came from council estates in the inner cities. He said that television was a central factor.

"Children are becoming more and more sensitized to the visual image, in particular, direct modelling of violent incidents. Consequently, they are increasingly unable to follow verbal arguments and develop the sort of skills they will need later on in their school careers," he said.

He thought the unruly behaviour offered a window into what it might be like to live among some of the over-pressured parents in the inner cities.

"If you look at some of the statements, for example by Mrs Edwina Currie, that poverty doesn't affect behaviour, then this is clearly evidence to the contrary," he said.



Odette Hallowes (right), the Second World War French Resistance heroine, and Mr John Profumo and his wife, Miss Valerie Hobson, at Westminster Abbey yesterday for a service of thanksgiving for Dame Anne Neagle.

trayed by Dame Anna in the film, *Odette*, in the 1950s. She was at the actress's bedside when she died after a long fight against Parkinson's disease.

"Anna will always be remembered for her great kindness and generosity. She would have loved today's service," she said.

Other guests included Sir John Mills, Danny La Rue, Derek Nimmo, Anna Todd, Katie Boyle, who read the lesson, Cameron MacIntosh, the producer, and Ned Sberin. Tony Britton, one of her closest friends, read the address.

Mime Hallowes became a close friend after being port-

BMA study on care of nuclear war survivors

The British Medical Association is to investigate how injured survivors of a nuclear attack on Britain would be treated. The inquiry will start at the end of this month (writes Pearce Wright). It will be carried out by a working party of doctors and comes after an earlier study concluded that only a fraction of the casualties could receive any treatment.

National Health Service would cope in a nuclear war was taken earlier this year at the BMA's annual meeting. This recommended a public scrutiny of the basis on which doctors were likely to select survivors for treatment.

Dr John Dawson, head of the BMA's science division, gave details to the European symposium of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War at the weekend.

Group to encourage equality at work

By Mark Ellis

A new organization to promote equal opportunities for women at work will be set up in the new year in response to employers' demands, the Equal Opportunities Commission announced yesterday.

The Equality Exchange will enable companies, training bodies and consultants to swap ideas on recruitment and personnel matters and to learn of the latest developments in employment legislation.

Lady Platt of Writtle, chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said: "The more employers and employees are aware of the legislation the less litigation there will be."

"In the first five years of the commission's life there were very few inquiries from employers, now we get several hundred a year. We believe it is something being set up in response to demand."

The only conditions of membership are an "active interest" in the development of equal opportunities and the nomination of a member of staff to work with the commission.

Last year the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service received 42,887 complaints about alleged infringements of employment rights, which was a 0.4 per cent increase since 1984.

Heads oppose parents' veto on sex lessons

Head teachers have come out strongly against moves to give parents a legal right to withdraw their children from sex education lessons (Our Education Reporter writes).

Later today the Commons will debate a clause sponsored by Mr Peter Bruvels, Conservative MP for Leicester East, which, if passed, would give parents the power to remove their children from such instruction.

However, Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, has written to MPs

to warn them that such a move would be "fraught with difficulty". He says: "There can be no justification for imposing such a policy on 28,500 schools because of the activities of a very small number of local education authorities who are seeking to pursue extreme measures."

The union, which represents more than 70 per cent of heads in England and Wales, argues that the change would be impractical because many schools do not devote specific classes to sex education.

Parties open drive to halt cash crisis

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Britain faced its worst housing crisis since the Second World War, Dr John Cunningham, Labour spokesman on the environment, said yesterday.

It was a crisis brought about by annual and substantial cuts in public investment, he said. "Since 1979 the housing programme has been devastated by a 70 per cent cut in resources, damaging private and public housing alike."

Dr Cunningham was launching an all-party campaign calling on the Govern-

MP for Cheltenham, and Lord Ezra, Liberal housing spokesman in the Lords, for the Alliance.

All condemned the restriction on funds available from the sale of council houses.

Mr Irving, chairman of a large housing association, said that with the present deprivation and urgency of the situation it was "totally obscene" for the Government to sit on about £5 billion to £6 billion in capital receipts from the sale of council houses.

He criticized local authorities who had "filched" money from sales, taking it from the tenants who paid the rents, to use it for other purposes.

"There is a mountain of money available for housing. The Government should allow it to be used."

The cost of catching up with the housing crisis had been assessed by the English local authority associations to be £75 billion, equivalent to £1,500 for every person in the country, he said.

For the Alliance, Lord Ezra described the present system of housing finance as indefensible. The Alliance would be launching its own housing campaign on November 28.

The federation, through its all-party political support, will urge the Government to increase money to housing associations, and is to write to Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, seeking a meeting to press its case.



ment to increase the financing of housing associations by 10 per cent from its present funding of £660 million next year.

The politicians' group promised its support for a drive by the National Federation of Housing Associations to raise support for associations working particularly outside the inner cities.

The federation acknowledges the inner city demands, but its research has shown that the so called "comfortable" areas are also suffering from lack of resources.

The all-party campaign is led by Dr Cunningham, Mr Charles Irving, Conservative

House price boom is over, survey shows

By Our Property Correspondent

The dramatic rise in house prices over recent months has finally stopped, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors states in its survey for the third quarter of the year.

Reporting a more rational housing market, the institution says the latest prices continue the downward spiral of price increases first seen in August. Almost half the 213 estate agents polled in England and Wales reported that house prices had stood still in the quarter ending on September 30. Increases still being recorded are nearly all up to 2 per cent, with few any higher,

and a small number - 1 per cent - has reported lowering prices, the first drop noted this year.

The market remains busy, however, with an average of 60 properties sold per agent.

Mr John Thomas, the institution's housing spokesman, said he expected the same pattern to continue for the rest of 1986. "The Chancellor of the Exchequer's announcement on interest rates and probable rise in mortgage rates is unlikely to affect demand for residential property, particularly for cheaper and middle range homes."

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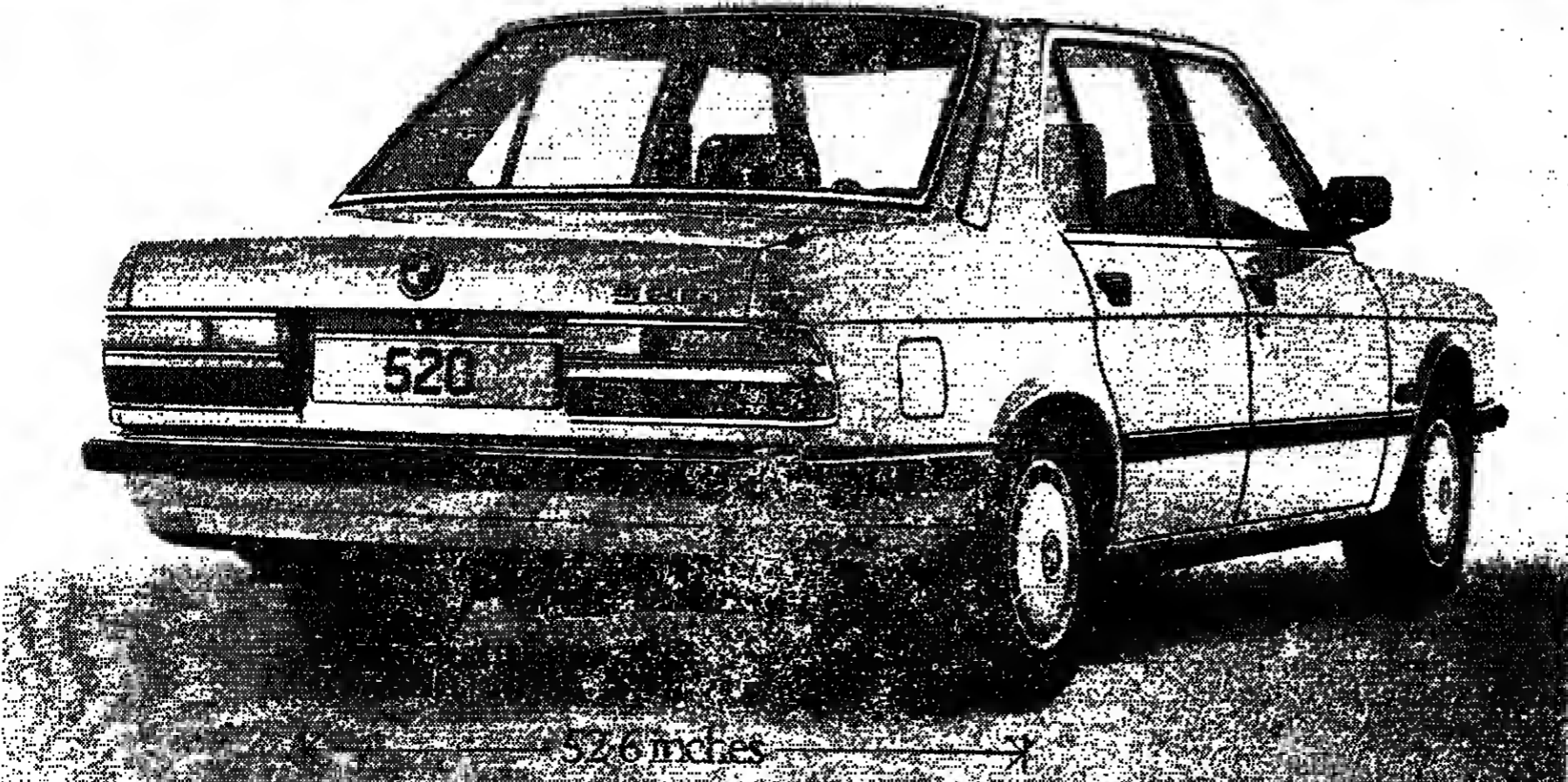
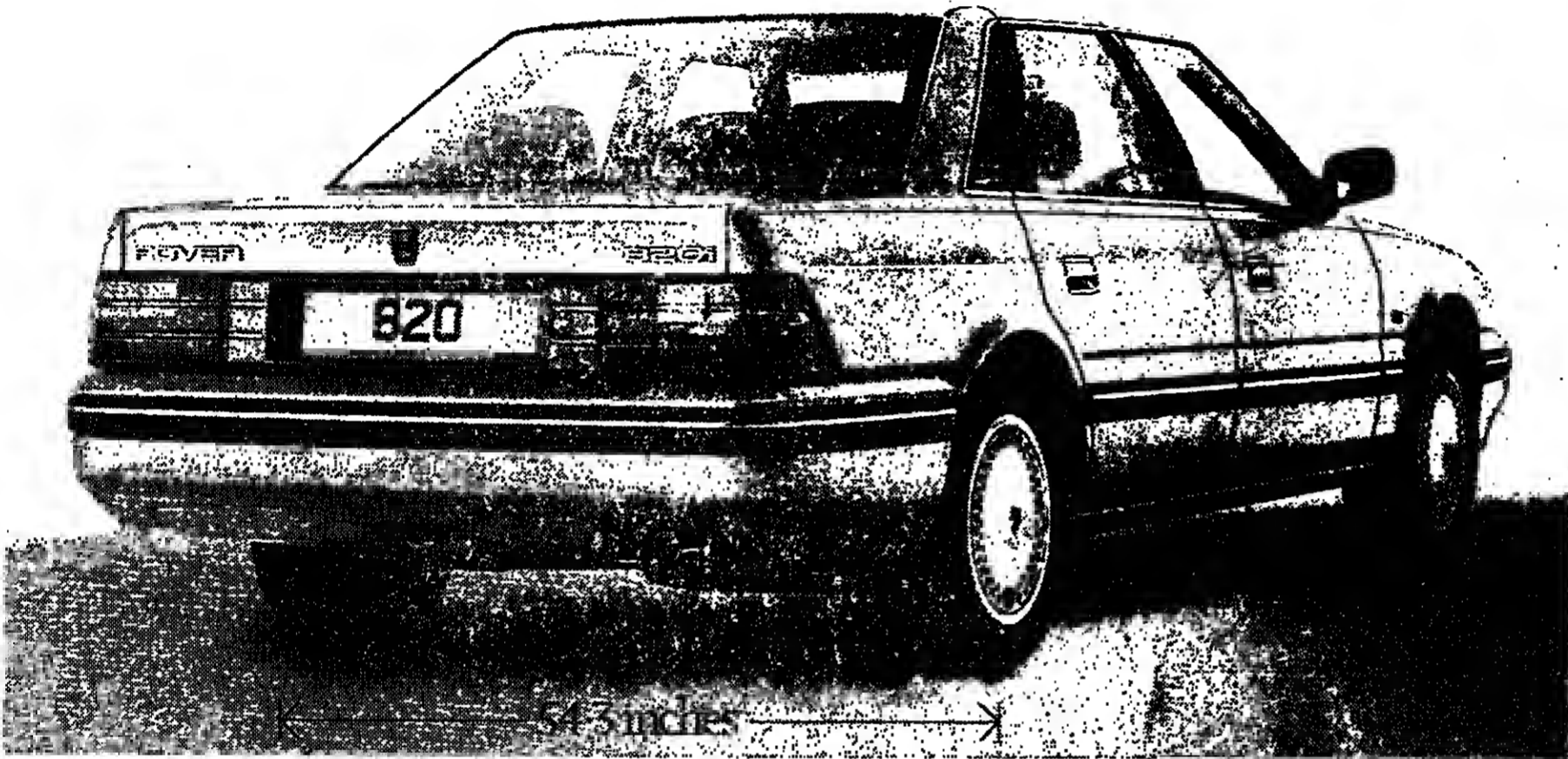
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Lord King is to stay at helm of BA and go for the hard sell

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Lord King of Warrnaby, chairman of British Airways, is to remain at the helm after the airline is sold to private investors.

"I have no intention of leaving," he said in Hong Kong yesterday on the eve of the Government announcing details of the £1 billion share sale of the state-owned airline.

It is clear that under Lord King's leadership the airline could become one of the most aggressive and feared in the world. He will be grabbing every opportunity to expand the airline even at the expense of its less powerful and less successful rivals.

Top of the list of priorities for the airline once it is free of government interference will be to increase still further its huge route network. Applications are certain for a large number of routes not so far operated.

A privatized British Airways will also attempt to put money into some of the most successful airlines in the United States as well as investing directly in its own British competitors.

So far the airline has been constrained by the Government from expanding to its full potential and that has irritated Lord King.

"In a business such as ours we cannot serve two masters, the market and the Government. Their two requirements are too different.

On the one hand the customer base needs quick reaction in the service of demand and on the other the state wants time to measure out the conflicting pressures on available resources. But now we have to grow."

His determination to make the airline dominant in the world has not only worried his

rivals but excited British Airways staff.

For 8,000 employees have set aside from their salaries money into a trust fund ready to buy shares in the airline. "Our staff have already potentially invested some £6 million in the airline," Lord King said.

Their confidence will, it is hoped, be matched by investors around the world. Later today the Government will announce that up to 25 per cent of the shares will be sold abroad mainly in the United States and Europe.

Although everyone who flies British Airways in the next few months leading up to privatization at the end of January will be given details of the share scheme, they will not be offered any special incentive to buy, such as cheap air tickets.

But all staff will be given about £100 of shares free plus another free issue if they remain loyal by not selling their shares for three years.

The campaign to sell the airline's shares will be concentrated on a brief £10 million, six-week campaign.

Road shows, often enhanced by the appearance of Concorde, will spread the word throughout Britain.

In the first quarter of this year the airline lost about £50 million and although it is said to be heading for an overall profit of £125 million in the full financial year it is clearly subject to the ups and downs of the world's air transport industry.

Lord King believes that only he, together with his managing director, Mr Colin Marshall, can successfully steer the airline to increased profits.



Mrs Chris Ellis, the first woman assistant governor to be appointed at Dartmoor Prison.

Woman in senior job at Dartmoor

Mrs Chris Ellis has been appointed as Dartmoor Prison's first woman assistant governor — 10 years after starting her career as a prison officer.

Mrs Ellis, who has worked at Styal in Cheshire and Strangeways in Manchester, said yesterday that her new

appointment was a "great challenge".

"I shall endeavour to do exactly as well as the colleagues who came here before me, whatever their sex."

Mrs Ellis, aged 40, said that Dartmoor Prison in Princetown, Devon, was "different" from the local

prisons where she worked before.

"It is a training prison where 'lifers', including murderers and rapists, serve their sentences."

"You get to know these long-term prisoners better than those in local prisons, but you treat them exactly the same," she said.

Local buses: 2

Doubts on whether small firms can be competitive

Sceptics argue that the Government's introduction of competition into Britain's local bus services, outside London, will be of little long-term benefit to the travelling public.

It is pointed out that although there may be up to 200 newcomers offering services, most are small, and that it is doubtful whether they will have the muscle to compete seriously with established operators.

In any case, the amount of head-on competition they are offering on individual routes is limited.

Although deregulation, and the introduction of competition comes into effect next Sunday, many argue that the true level of effective competition will not be seen until after the end of January.

It is said that many operators have registered routes, or in some cases refrained from doing so, to allow themselves time to assess the situation over the first three months.

Mr Robert Brook, a former chairman of the National Bus Company, is expected to intervene in a big way in the Manchester area in the new year, with a new fleet of about 200 minibuses, and it would not require many interventions on that scale to begin to make competition really bite.

To ensure that competition

Whether or not the Government is successful in its attempt to introduce competition into local bus services, significant changes are taking place. Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent, looks at the position in the second of two articles

can take place on a reasonably even footing, the Department of Transport has demanded a considerable amount of restructuring of the industry.

Passenger transport executives and local authorities which ran their own bus operations have had to transfer them into free-standing companies.

The state-owned National Bus Company, which is the largest operator of local bus services, has had to break up four of its largest operating companies.

Labour to repeal Act

The Labour Party yesterday committed itself to repeal the Transport Act 1985, under which competition is being introduced to local bus services outside the London area (Rodney Cowton writes).

At a press conference in London, organized by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Mr Robert Hughes, Labour's shadow spokesman on transport, said that a Labour government would return to a "sensible system" of licensing services

and cross-subsidization of routes.

One important development is in the increasing use of mini or midibuses, seating up to 25 passengers. The National Bus Company has been a leader in the introduction of these services, and NBC companies now operate about 3,000 of them.

The company says that in almost every case where the smaller buses have been introduced it has led to a substantial increase in passengers carried.

Concluded

Mr Michael Simmons, chairman of the association's highways and transportation committee, said that early morning and Sunday services and special services would be badly hit by the Act.

About 9,000 jobs had been lost, or were going, in the metropolitan areas, and there would be heavy redundancies in the National Bus Company's operations, Mr Simmons said.

£500m river power study begins

A plan to build a £500 million tidal power barrage across the Mersey moved a step nearer reality yesterday.

Mr David Hunt, Under Secretary at the Department of Energy, signed a contract in Liverpool to guarantee £400,000 from the Government for a feasibility study.

Mr Hunt, Conservative MP for Wirral West, said the project offered tremendous potential for economic regeneration.

"It could prove itself to be a major national power station and a great catalyst for jobs, tourism and increased activity in the area," he said.

The 30-month feasibility study will cost about £1 million. Besides the government cash, £100,000 has been promised by the Central Electricity Generating Board with a further £500,000 from the private sector.

The barrage is intended to generate 0.5 per cent of United Kingdom's electrical power

Brain damage wife awarded £200,000

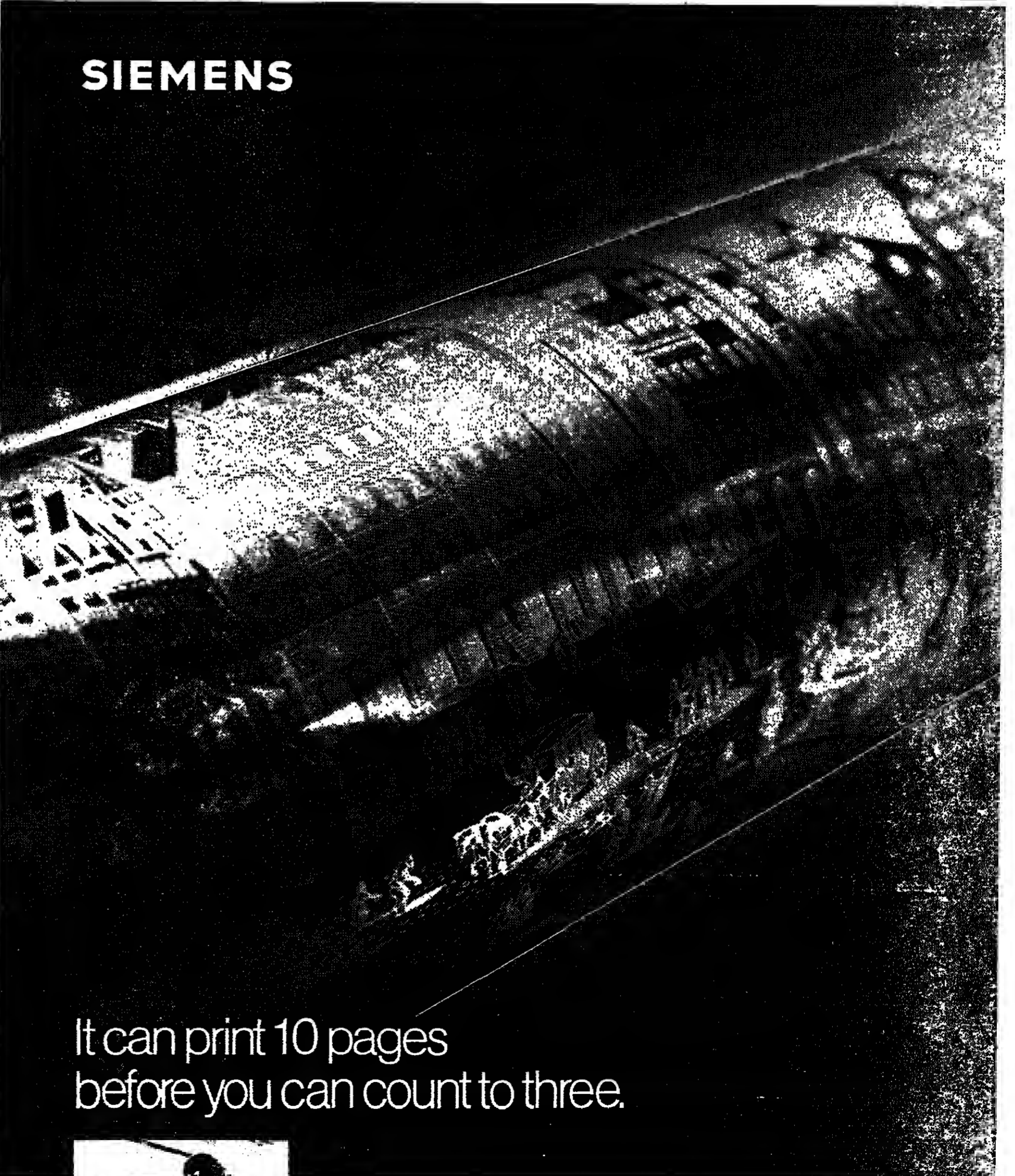
A trainee accountant who had been married for just three months when she suffered permanent brain damage in a road accident, was awarded £200,000 damages in the High Court yesterday.

The court was told that Mrs Maria Constantinou, aged 35, had been cared for by her husband, Andrew, ever since she was knocked down by a motor-cycle while crossing the road in Palmers Green, north London, in January 1982.

She has been left with brain damage and intellectual impairment.

Mr Justice Jupp, who approved the award, was told that Mrs Constantinou was in hospital for 18 months.

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New Zealand on earthquake alert

Wellington (AFP) — New Zealand civil defence authorities went on alert yesterday after confirmation of a powerful earthquake which rocked the sea-floor near the Kermadec Islands 600 miles north-east of the country.

Civil defence authorities gave a general warning of possible tidal waves resulting from the earthquake, which registered eight on the Richter scale.

Japanese meteorological agency officials in Tokyo said that the underwater earthquake had been confirmed by the Pacific Tsunami (tidal wave) Warning Centre in Hawaii.

Attack re-enacted

Jerusalem (Reuter) — Three Palestinians held for a grenade attack that killed one Israeli and wounded 69 near Jerusalem's Western Wall last week have re-enacted the assault in front of investigators, police sources said.

Under heavy guard, the three residents of Arab east Jerusalem were taken to the parking lot where three grenades exploded on Wednesday in a crowd of army recruits and their families after a military swearing-in ceremony.



Spanish TV chief

Madrid — Señora Pilar Miró (left), aged 46, a tough and successful film director and close friend of Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, has taken over as director-general of Spain's state television and radio network for the next four years (Richard Wigg writes).

Señora Miró has said she favours commercial television being introduced in Spain.

More deaths

Luxembourg (Reuter) — Britain had the highest mortality rate in the European Community, largely because of a higher than average proportion of old people, the EC's Eurostat statistics office said.

People died in Britain at the rate of 11.8 per 1,000 in 1985 against 8.5 per 1,000 in The Netherlands, the lowest.

Chinese Bibles

Hong Kong (Reuter) — China's Army printing house, the People's Liberation Army Press, is producing 200,000 copies of the Bible a year for Chinese Christians, a Protestant church group said.

The United Bible Society said that the PLA Press printed the Chinese version of the Bible purely on a commercial basis.

President taken ill

Tunis (Reuter) — President Bourguiba of Tunisia failed to make a scheduled appearance at a major election rally and hundreds of chanting supporters were told that the 83-year-old head of state was recovering from an illness.

Spotlight falls on two ministers in Frelimo search for new leader

By Nicholas Beaton

Leading members of the governing Frelimo party met in Maputo yesterday to arrange the appointment of a new leader, soon after news of the death of President Samora Machel reached the capital.

The two most likely successors, according to Western sources in the capital, are the current Foreign Minister, Mr Joaquim Alberto Chissano, and the Prime Minister, Mr Mario Machungo.

Both were close colleagues of President Machel when Frelimo was engaged in its guerrilla war against Portugal from 1964 to 1974.

Eighteen hours after his plane crashed in the eastern Transvaal, the state-run radio had still not announced the death of Mr Machel and his senior aides.

A Western source in Maputo said the Politburo, the Central Committee Secretariat and the Cabinet of the Marxist Government were meeting to discuss who should take over until a new leader could be appointed.

It is expected that Mr Machungo will assume the new role until a full meeting of the Central Committee elects a new head. It will take at least a week for all members of the 125-member body to reach the

capital from provincial posts. Analysts believe the new leadership will not dramatically alter the policies of the late president, who is regarded as the architect of post-colonial Mozambique and was known to govern by party consensus.

The loss to Mozambique of Mr Machel was compounded by the death of the Transport and Communications Minister, Mr Alcantara Santos, and fears that the Defence Minister, Mr Alberto Chipande, was also in the doomed aircraft.

Both have been involved in a new policy inaugurated by Mr Machel this year, which set counter-insurgency as Maputo's chief priority.

The activities of the South African-backed right-wing guerrillas of the Mozambique National Resistance Movement (Renamo) have threatened Maputo's hold over central and northern areas of the country.

Earlier this year Mr Machel created the post of prime minister to free himself of some presidential duties, and to allow him to co-ordinate a new military campaign against the rebels.

Mr Chipande has been central to this strategy, and Mr

Santos had a vital role in keeping open the strategic Beira corridor, which links Zimbabwe with the Indian Ocean by rail; its operation is seen as essential if frontline states are to reduce their dependence on South African transport facilities.

Diplomats said Mozambique's new leader would inherit one of the most unstable countries on the continent.

Because of the civil war four million people now face famine, and there is not thought to be a way of averting the country's imminent economic collapse until a settlement is found to the security problem.

Earlier this month Pretoria added to Maputo's woes when it terminated the contracts of 58,000 miners working in South Africa, meaning a loss of \$90 million (£62 million) in foreign currency earnings to Mozambique.

Even though it maintains close ties with the Soviet Union and Eastern Bloc countries, Mozambique has not been able to rely on Moscow for support in its fight.

It is expected that the new leader will extend Mr Machel's policy of improved ties with Europe and the US.

Mozambique: the land and people

Population: 13.2m, 90% black, the rest mixed race, whites, Asians. Main religion animism, also Islamic, Christian, Hindu minorities. Language Portuguese.

Area: 300,760 sq miles, borders north Tanzania, west Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Transvaal, Swaziland, south Natal province, 1,540-mile Indian Ocean coastline.

Capital: Maputo, pop 850,000.

Armed forces: 15,800. Army 14,000. Navy 800. Air force 1,000. Also 9,500 paramilitary Border Guard, provincial, people's, local militias.

Economy: GNP \$2.9bn ('82). Majority peasants, per cap-

ita income \$1,200. Industries sugar, cashew nuts, textiles, cement, oil, brewing, soft drinks, cigarettes, tyres, car batteries.

Modern history: Former Portuguese colony, independence June 25, 1975, after 10-year struggle by Mozambique Liberation Front (Frelimo), formed 1962.

Frelimo president/military commander, Samora Machel, first president. Re-elected Frelimo president 1977, 1983. Frelimo only political party. Constitutionally, party president also head of country. Frelimo became Marxist-

Leninist at third congress, 1977.

Central power organs Frelimo politburo (11), secretary (6), standing commission of People's Assembly (15) and Council of Ministers.

Government fighting war against right-wing Mozambique National Resistance rebels since independence. Hopes of ending conflict raised March 1984 when non-aggression pact signed with Sth Africa. Pretoria still supporting rebels.

Began to restore links with US govts mid-1980s, joined World Bank and IMF.



Botha pays tribute to 'great leader'

By Christine Stroy

President P. W. Botha of South Africa yesterday called President Samora Machel an "outstanding leader".

In a personal message to the Government of the People's Republic of Mozambique, Mr Botha said he was "deeply shocked" by Mr Machel's death, which was an "irreparable loss" to his country.

"Whatever the differences that there might be between our two governments, my government and I had great respect for him as a leader and as a person," Mr Botha said.

"My personal relationship with him was always cordial and was characterized by mutual respect. Africa has lost an outstanding leader."

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwe Prime Minister, who had close personal ties with President Machel, set off on a private visit to Britain and flew back to Harare last night, the Zimbabwe High Commission said (Reuter reports).

In another personal message, Mr R. F. "Pi" Botha, the Foreign Minister, said that he had the "highest respect and regard for Mr Machel as a leader and as a man".

"I personally came to know President Machel as one of the great leaders of Africa," he said. "He was someone with whom I could discuss the many problems that confronted our two countries, our region and our continent."

Mr Elize Botha, the wife of the President, and Mrs Helena Botha, wife of the Foreign Minister, also sent a message of condolence to Mr Machel's widow, Mrs Gracia Machel.

An inquiry set up by the South African Minister of Transport, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, has appointed a commission of inquiry to investigate the crash. And Mr P. W. Botha has invited a representative from the Mozambique Government to visit the accident site.

Experts from the South African Civil Aviation Organization have also been invited to participate in the inquiry.

ANC accuses Pretoria

Copenhagen (Reuter) — The African National Congress General Secretary, Mr Alfred Nzo (above), accused the South African Government of being involved in the death of President Samora Machel.

"Either the South Africans directly have committed this crime or their proxies, the MNR," (Mozambique National Resistance, also known as Renamo) he said.

"We are saying it is a deliberately committed crime until it is proved otherwise."

because of the threats the apartheid regime has been making against Mozambique.

Mr Nzo made the accusation after attending a world peace conference in the Danish capital.

He said South Africa had threatened Mozambique, alleging that the ANC had losses there, "despite the fact that we have repeatedly stated that there are no bases in neighbouring territories."

'Heroic freedom fighter' saluted

By Our Foreign Staff

Officials at the EEC in Brussels yesterday expressed concern over the stability of southern Africa following President Machel's death, but predicted that his death would help Mozambique rebels to seize power soon.

The Italian Prime Minister, Signor Bettino Craxi, said in Rome that President Machel's death had robbed the world of a heroic freedom fighter and a great political leader, while in St Denis, Réunion, the French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, expressed his condolences to the people of

Mozambique. The South African church leader, Dr Allan Botsak, said in the Dutch city of Utrecht yesterday that he was numbed and shattered by the news, and predicted that his death would help Mozambique rebels to seize power soon.

Asked to comment on reports that the African National Congress had accused Pretoria of being involved in the crash, he said it was too early to tell.

The Foreign Office in London expressed sympathy, and a spokesman said President Machel had not only

been the architect of his country's independence, but had striven to bring peace to the whole region of southern Africa.

The Swedish Foreign Minister, Mr Sten Andersson, said in a Stockholm radio interview that President Machel's death was a great loss for all of southern Africa.

Asked if he believed South Africa might have been behind the crash, Mr Andersson said he had no proof whatever to support that theory. "But what is clear is that Machel was a political leader who was most uncomfortable to South Africa," he added.

EEC budget difficulties

Move to split off farm spending

From Richard Owen, Brussels

With the crisis over runaway farm spending in the EEC increasingly dominating discussions in the Commission and in the European Parliament, a Brussels think tank has put forward a revolutionary proposal for having off agricultural spending from the rest of the EEC budget.

The proposal, published yesterday in a paper by the Centre for European Policy Studies would protect threatened regional, social, research and technology programmes from the ever-expanding farm budget, which accounts for more than two-thirds of EEC spending and shows no sign of shrinking.

Senior members of the Commission, including Mr Henning Christophersen, the Budget Commissioner, have shown interest in the report's idea of budget "figmentation". The report is expected to figure in growing debate among EEC officials and Euro MPs over how to head off a financial disaster.

The European Parliament, which is meeting in Strasbourg this week, has a say in the annual EEC budget, and during the next month has to confront the problem of overspending in the draft budget for 1987.

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Ministers hang on to quotas

Brussels — To the disappointment but not surprise of the EEC Commission, European industry ministers meeting in Luxembourg yesterday moved towards a provisional system of voluntary output controls by European steel companies, rather than abolition of the production quotas which protect the EEC steel industry at present. (Our Own Correspondent writes).

Herr Karl Heinz Narjes, the Commissioner for Industry, wants to see the reduction, and eventual abolition, of the quota system introduced to support loss-making European steel companies.

Under the Narjes plan all quotas would be abolished by the end of next year, with the proportion of steel output covered by quotas reduced from 65 per cent to 45 per cent as a first step.

But EEC steel companies, represented by the producers' organization Eurofer, argue that liberalization of the steel market would lead to a fall in prices and worsening unemployment. Several states, including West Germany, France and Belgium, opposed the Narjes proposal.

Under the Davignon Plan adopted in 1980, the European steel industry has shed nearly a quarter of a million jobs

Expulsions not a setback to talks

From Christopher Walker Moscow

Although American diplomats here were braced yesterday for further tit-for-tat retaliation after Washington's threat to respond to the five expulsion orders against US diplomats, senior officials from both superpowers indicated that the affair was not expected to prove a major setback to relations.

The official Soviet media accorded low-key treatment to

Sunday's five expulsion orders and government sources hinted that the Kremlin was now looking towards an end to the dispute as both sides continued efforts to discover what could be salvaged from the collapse of the Reykjavik summit.

"To make a big thing of this at this rather delicate stage in our bilateral relations and the search for disarmament agreements would not be very helpful", one Soviet source said.

"We trust that the Americans feel the same way."

Western diplomats said that the affair had been complicated because the Soviet Union had responded to the expulsion of 25 employees from its United Nations mission in New York against American diplomatic staff.

The length which the dispute would continue, they added, depended very much on the nature of the next move by Washington.

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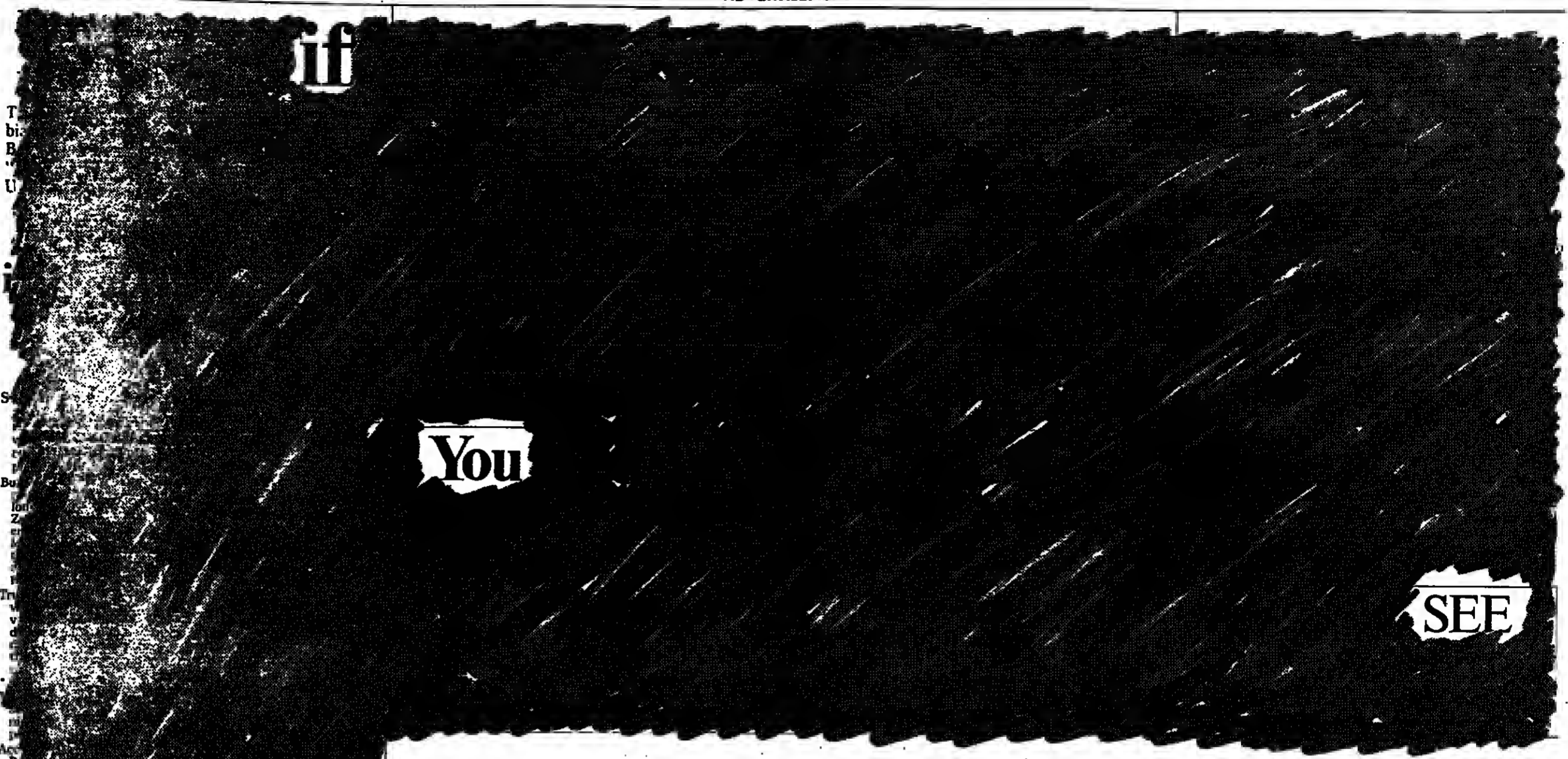
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El Salvador landlords take advantage of devastation to evict tenants

Reconstruction work begins as agencies identify priority areas

From Paul Vallely, San Salvador

Rescue workers in El Salvador, where the earthquake death toll is 1,200, have abandoned delicate work on devastated city centre sites and are moving in machinery to move the precarious rubble.

Agencies dealing with long-term problems of the disaster which, in a matter of seconds caused more damage to the country's economy than its civil war has done in seven years, have begun the laborious task of reconstruction.

For many, like Unicef, which is launching a three-stage development programme, the earthquake has proved an opportunity as well as an added responsibility. "It gives us the excuse to set up schemes unhindered by government bureaucracy which would beset us in normal times," Mr Agop Kayayan, the Unicef representative in Central America said.

While others have occupied themselves during the past 10 days with immediate relief work, a Unicef team has busied itself with a rapid assessment of the problems.

"We work by drawing on local knowledge of which were the poorest areas before the disaster. Then we look at which areas were most badly damaged. Where the two overlap is the area of greatest need," Miss Nancy Andrade, Unicef's programme officer for El Salvador, said.

The agency has decided on three of the city's shanty towns for a programme which begins with a campaign of health education and proceeds with construction of temporary shelters by methods including advising the homeless on which materials can safely be salvaged.

Its ultimate aim, in collaboration with other agencies, is the building of between 5,000 and 10,000 permanent homes, at a cost of around \$3,000 (£2,000) each, in La Vega, Delgado and Mexicanos.

"This is going to be more difficult," Unicef's architect, Señor Gerardo Vargas, said, comparing it with the Mexican earthquake.

"In Mexico there was funding available - the Govern-

ment was on the brink of completing negotiations with the World Bank for a soft loan of \$120 million. The city had existing services and well established community groups. And the Government had a policy of expropriating land at low cost for rebuilding.

"Here the Government is less involved. These communities have few existing services and only one has a community organization. The funds do not yet exist and the land is privately owned."

There is already evidence that some landlords are trying to take advantage of the devastation. The homeless in La Vega, for example, have complained that their landlords have refused to talk about rebuilding, while some have given eight days' notice to quit to the groups of homeless people camped in the road beside their former homes.

A further legal complication is that many of the homeless were formerly squatters. More than 300,000 people are estimated to be without shelter in the city.



Bianca Jagger, who is in El Salvador with a relief agency, inspecting earthquake damage at San Jacinto, one of the worst-affected areas, with two local children.

Country of crime divorce and record suicides

In this second article of a two-part series on modern Hungary, Roger Hayes, East Europe Correspondent, examines some of the social consequences of what has happened in the 30 years since Russian tanks, rolling through the streets of Budapest, mercilessly crushed the uprising.

Miss Hungary, clutching a childhood teddy bear, killed herself last summer. The girl was from a small township on Lake Balaton, the cherished daughter of an innkeeper.

After her election she travelled to the West, won some modelling contracts, fell in love, became pregnant and was deserted by her lover.

At home again, unable to cope with the dual burden of pregnancy and desertion, she committed suicide.

Although the act shocked the Hungarians it fell into a long central European tradition of escaping from problems.

In Habsburg days the housemaid would drink poison if she longed for home or had an argument with her employer; bankrupts, hanged from tall buildings; officers blew their brains out. But Hungary is now part of the world's suicide table, and tradition alone does not supply the answer.

More than 43 people in every 100,000 kill themselves, compared with about 25 in Austria - the nearest contender - 23 in Denmark, 19 in Sweden and 17 in Japan.

The figure has been increasing rapidly. So, too, have other social problems.

Divorces amount to 2.7 per 1,000 of population - Britain, the Soviet Union and East Germany are higher, but only just - life expectancy is declining (a Hungarian male can expect to live to 66.1 years) and the mortality rate is the worst in Europe.

Crime is on the increase and is considerably higher than in other communist countries.

Statistics, of course, are usually depressing. But many sociologists are trying to understand why, 30 years after the 1956 upheaval and almost 20 years after economic reforms were introduced, so many social tensions are coming to the fore.

The most tempting answer is that there is a fundamental collision between the "market" - the consumer expectations, the full, tantalising shop windows, the expense of everyday life - and "socialism", that is, the right to a projected existence, to good, free health care, education, and a 40-hour working week.

This is certainly a factor. Hungary is a stressful country, both for those who want to succeed and those who want to survive. A couple I know is not untypical: the husband works the early shift as a supervisor

in a state factory until mid-afternoon, changes his clothes, showers, and then works until eight o'clock in the evening in a private car repair workshop. His wife has a full-time job as an accountant. They have a video and next year they will get a personal computer.

Reform, by opening up the possibility of legal private enterprise, has made this many or less compulsory for those who want to live reasonably well. Those who cannot or will

Hungary: A generation after 1956 Part 2

not manage to plunge soon enough into the poverty zone - more than 60 per cent of retired industrial workers, for example, have slipped below the state-calculated subsistence level.

Even if the gap between rich and poor is somewhat exaggerated, by both Western and Hungarian observers, it is the perceived rather than actual social inequality that frequently triggers off crime and other problems.

Hungarian criminologists believe that the "I am here - do not touch me" effect of full shops and expensive private stimulants stimulates juvenile delinquency.

But goshawk communism does not by itself explain everything. Social problems arise when a country embarks on rapid modernization, when the young leave their families in the countryside and live rudely on the fringes of cities.

The transformation has certainly led to a sharp increase in alcoholism, and a high proportion of alcoholics, in turn, commit or attempt suicide.

This has little to do with Mr Kadar's reform course, much to do with the magnetic pull of urbanization. Alcoholism and the extraordinary suicide rate may thus be the drug-addicted problem in the West.

Social tensions do, however, play into the hands of the opponents of economic reform, who can argue that letting the market operate, even in the currently restricted way, is an invitation to chaos.

As long as Mr Kadar is alive, the opposition can and are shrill, but through the leadership's refusal to withdraw an austerity programme last year it has been responsive to criticism.

But Mr Kadar's successors may well find themselves under pressure from those who argue for a less profit-oriented, more conventionally socialist society.

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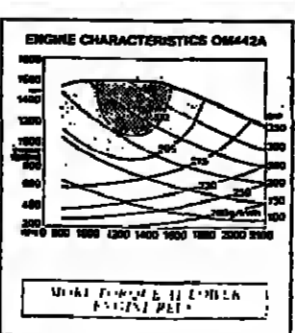
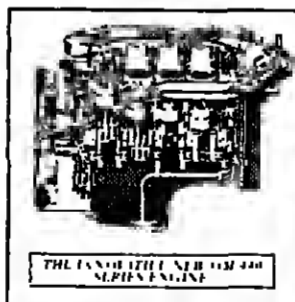
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Howe asks Russia to ease tension

Common market on Asean agenda

Jakarta (Reuter) - Britain challenged the Soviet Union to help ease tension in Asia yesterday, and called for a fresh political impetus to North-South trade and economic co-operation.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, told foreign ministers of the European Community and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) that Moscow should match with deeds its offer of improved relations with Asia.

He also said the EEC and Asean should redouble the struggle against drug trafficking and terrorism and work closely to stamp out protectionism and promote mutual investment.

Speaking in his capacity as president of the EEC Council of Ministers, Sir Geoffrey said Moscow's alleged flexible approach to the problems of Asia had yet to take shape where Cambodia and Afghanistan were concerned.

Asean, which groups Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore and Brunei, considers the presence of Vietnamese troops in Cambodia and Soviet troops in Afghanistan as the main obstacles to better ties with Moscow.

Conference officials said discussions on economic issues centred on a study of an EEC-Asean working group which identified some of the problems in promoting investments.



Sir Geoffrey Howe chatting with Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew.

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Defence minister faces showdown over attacks on Aquino peace policy

A showdown at the weekly Cabinet meeting tomorrow could decide the fate of Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, the defiant Defence Minister, who has warned President Aquino that her government should be dissolved if he is made to resign.

At least four ministers have urged Mr Enrile to resign if he can no longer support the President's handling of the 17-year-old Communist insurgency.

Mr Augusto Sanechez, the Labour Minister, described as a "Communist sympathizer" by Mr Enrile, has announced that he will raise in Cabinet the issue of Mr Enrile's continued membership of the eight-month-old government.

Mr Heherson Alvarez, the Agrarian Reform Minister, yesterday joined Mr Aquino Pimentel, the Local Government Minister, and Mr Neppali Gonzales, the Justice Minister, in urging Mr Enrile to stop his outspoken criticisms or resign.

If Mrs Aquino decides to act against her outspoken Defence Minister then "the entire Cabinet will support her," Mr Alvarez told reporters.

Vice-President Salvador Laurel has been mediating

From Keith Dalton, Manila

between the President and Mr Enrile.

"I think they must take a common position on the insurgency problem," he said before imposing a news blackout on his efforts.

At Mrs Aquino's request Mr Laurel, who is also Foreign Minister, cancelled at the last moment his visit to Indonesia for talks with foreign ministers of the European Community and the Association of South-East Asian Nations.

The official explanation that Mr Laurel "had important matters to attend to" did not stop media speculation that he is needed in Manila to patch up widening differences between the President and Mr Enrile.

Mr Enrile's disaffection with the Aquino government burst into the open a week ago when, for the first time, he did not attend the regular Cabinet session but instead chose to address a dentists' convention to criticize once again the Aquino government's "soft" approach to the Communist insurgency.

A day earlier Mr Enrile's objections to the release of the wife and bodyguard of the captured Communist leader, Mr Rodolfo Salas, were overruled. Their release led to the

resumption on Sunday of peace talks with the Communist rebels.

At the Cabinet session one week earlier Mr Enrile remained "unusually silent" during a two-hour briefing on the insurgency, which ended with the formulation of a co-ordinated counter-insurgency programme which Mr Enrile, the next day, denounced as insufficient.

On the eve of that Cabinet session Mr Enrile delivered possibly his most stinging rebuke to Mrs Aquino, when he told a business forum that the President forfeited her popular mandate to rule when she abolished the Marcos constitution.

He said if the people demanded it, Mrs Aquino should again run for election. Although Mr Enrile claims to speak for the entire armed forces, diplomats and observers believe Mrs Aquino's prompt promotion of officers and a top-to-bottom reorganization of the armed forces has minimized the likelihood of coup d'etat.

MANILA (Reuter) — President Aquino has accepted an invitation to visit China next year, Tian Jiyun, the Vice-Premier of China, said.



A woman demonstrator showing her defiance to a policeman outside the Australian Parliament in Canberra, where the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, threatened yesterday to move more than 100 peace protesters camped in a tent city (Reuter reports). Three politicians were harassed

trying to gain entry to the camp, and a television crew became involved in a wild brawl. The women, who camped on the lawns in front of Parliament a week ago, declaring it a women-only area, are trying to force the closure of a joint Australian-US defence base.

Seoul opposition heeds warnings of crackdown on left

From David Watts, Tokyo

When Mr Yoo Sung Hwan got up in the South Korean National Assembly and demanded a switch in national priorities from anti-communism to the reunification of the two Koreas it surprised his own supporters as much as the Government.

Even though this verbal parliamentary assault was in the plans of neither Mr Kim Dae Jung nor Mr Kim Young Sam, the two populist extra-parliamentary leaders of the opposition, it touched a raw nerve with the Government, which is well aware of the potential popular backing for Mr Yoo's stance.

Now held under the National Security Law for making "pro-communist" remarks, Mr Yoo faces the prospect of either a death sentence or a long period in jail.

Mr Yoo's detention was followed by warnings and rumours of a government crackdown on so-called "left-leaning" groups and activities.

At a recent meeting of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, the chairman, Mr Roh Tae Woo, said the most urgent task was to "set people at ease by uprooting the left-leaning forces in politics, in the economy and on campus".

The opposition New Korea Democratic Party (NKDP)

appears to have taken the Government's warnings seriously and has backed off from its earlier threats to boycott the National Assembly. It seems likely to resume the committee debate on revision of the country's constitution this week.

The Government is proposing a Cabinet system, but the opposition wants the direct election of the president, fearing a Cabinet system would be manipulated to maintain in power President Chun Doo Hwan, whose popularity has never been fully tested.

The opposition knows that the time for getting constitutional modifications through is running out.

Mr Kim Dae Jung told *The Times* that it was the duty of National Assembly deputies to report for work. But he warned the Government against any new crackdown. "I think suppression is not useful. Punishment is effective only when people are afraid of it but our people are not afraid."

SEOUL: A senior South Korean government official revealed yesterday that 10,000 people in about 30 religious, student and other dissident organizations were being investigated for anti-government activities (Reuter reports).

Lange awaits UK nuclear backlash

From Richard Long, Wellington

The nuclear debate in Britain would force the Government of Mrs Margaret Thatcher to take a hard line with Wellington over its anti-nuclear legislation, the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, said yesterday.

Mr Lange said this could include a temporary break in defence training exchange schemes with Britain, but this would be because of the British Government's commitment to the nuclear deterrent rather than the provisions of the New Zealand anti-nuclear legislation.

He rejected as absurd suggestions that the controversial clause five of the Nuclear-Free Zone, Disarmament and Arms Control Bill, reported back to Parliament last week, would prevent New Zealand servicemen from continuing with the British exchange schemes.

But Mr Lange agreed that the British Government and Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, had warned about the effect of the clause, which makes it an offence for a New Zealand serviceman to assist an officer who may be in control of a nuclear device.

Mr Lange said the clause related to "the evil we are trying to combat" and not the "simplistic and utterly erroneous interpretation being placed on it by some people". New Zealand servicemen would still be able to undertake exchanges with those sections of the British forces which did not have nuclear weapons.

Mr Lange said defence ex-

changes might end for a time, but this would not be the end of the world.

The British Labour Party's anti-nuclear line made it unlikely that Mrs Thatcher's Government would move to accommodate the New Zealand position "lest that be portrayed as somehow rendering it likely to waver in the breeze of dissent from the British Labour Party".

"I have no criticism of the British Government. They have their carefully worked-out policy and they have been consistent with that. What I am saying is that I think the changing climate of political stances in the United Kingdom is such that the British Government will find itself in a very difficult position not to be anything other than overly critical of the New Zealand Government line."

About 50 New Zealand servicemen are training with British forces this year under the job-swap exchange schemes known as Long Look (Army), Sea Surge (Navy) and Air Wave (Air Force). They are regarded as the country's most valuable external training schemes now that American training and exchanges have been cancelled.

The American cancellations followed the Lange Government's ban on visits by nuclear-armed or powered warships, a policy which is being ratified under the anti-nuclear legislation.

Washington has also withdrawn its defence commitment to New Zealand under the Anzus alliance.

Plight of returning students

Hard road for Chinese motorcycle tripper

From Robert Grievess, Peking

The story of Mr Zhang Daxing, a young Chinese who accompanied the Peking bureau chief of *The New York Times* on an ill-fated motorcycle trip through prohibited areas of China last summer, exemplifies the problems faced by some Chinese students who return to their homeland after extensive exposure to the West.

Western interest in the episode waned after the expulsion from China of Mr John Burns, *The New York Times* reporter whom Chinese authorities accused of engaging in intelligence-gathering activities while travelling through restricted zones in Shanxi and Shaanxi provinces.

But for Mr Zhang, the story did not end until September 29, when he was reportedly released from detention. Since then he has not been seen in public, nor have efforts to contact him been successful.

Before then, Mr Zhang had not been seen by anyone since July 18, when two public security officers escorted him from his family home.

Information about Mr Zhang, aged 29, forms the picture of a young man caught between cultures and perhaps between identities.

An estimated 1,400 Chinese university students are studying in Britain and 15,000 are studying in the US.

On their return to China many of them may find that their work units are not flexible enough to use their talents properly, and that they are discriminated against for having lived in the West.

Mr Zhang spent four years studying at Middlebury College in the United States, re-

turning to Peking only once during that time. He came home on a more or less permanent basis last October, and began the search for a job.

"He returned very Western in his mannerisms and outlook," said a friend. "He would come up and put his arm around your shoulder when talking to you. And, for a Chinese, he could be openly flirtatious with young women."

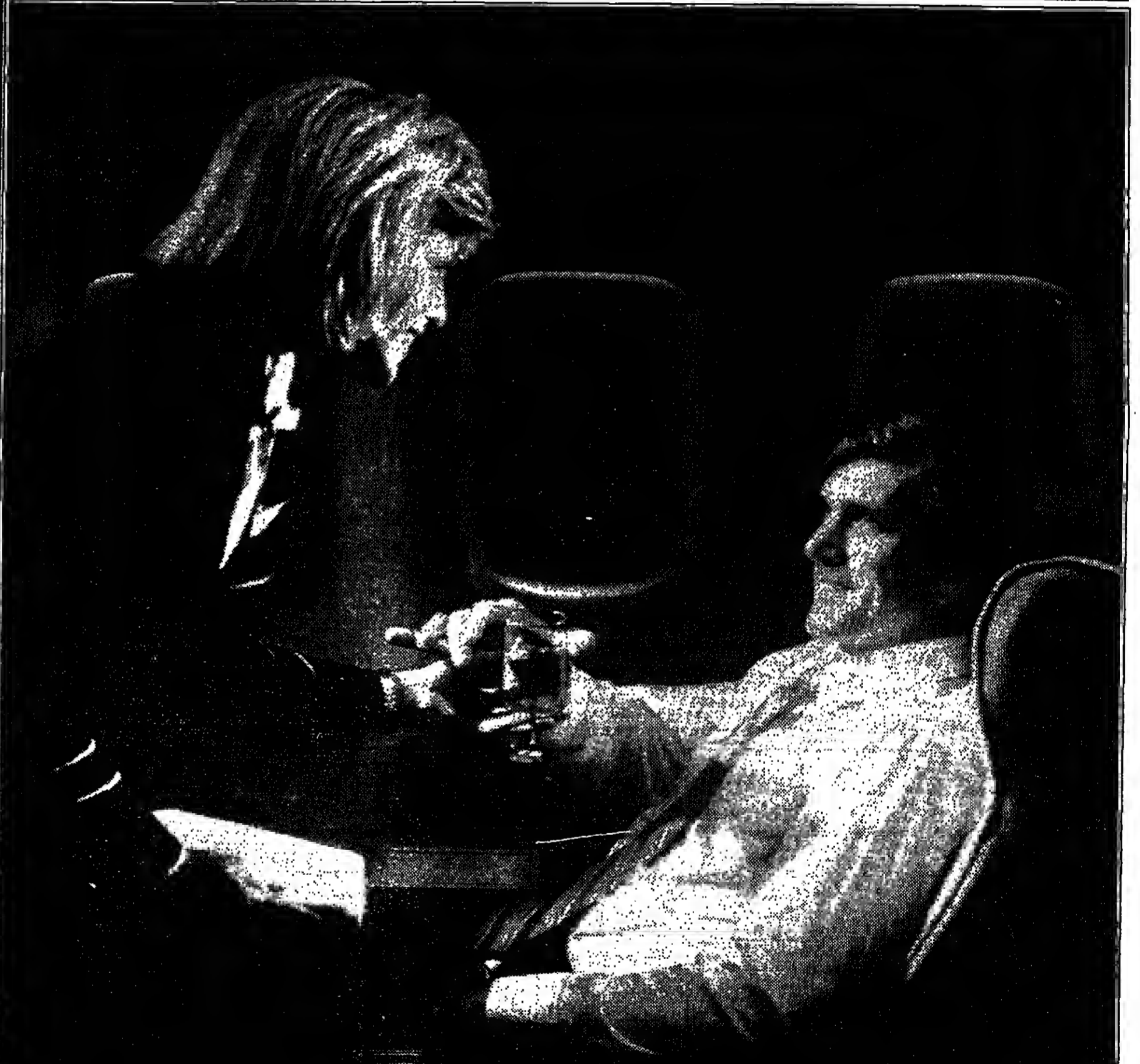
Mr Zhang wanted to make money and involve himself in a job that had some meaning. He worked briefly in the Peking office of the National Council for US-China trade, but was forced to abandon the position because he was not formally registered as an employee of the Foreign Enterprise Service Corporation (Fesco), which controls the hiring and firing of locals by foreigners in Peking.

Finally, he accepted Mr Burns's offer to accompany him and an American lawyer, Mr Ed McNally, on a trip through central China.

At present 244 cities in China are open to foreign and Chinese visitors. In order to reach some of those cities, however, authorities expressly sanction travel by plane or train but forbid unsupervised travel by car or motorcycle.

"Zhang knew the trip could be dangerous, but he wanted the money," said a friend.

Before Mr Zhang's release, some of his friends had believed that he would be sent away to a labour camp in the north-west of the country. "I don't think he will be executed," one friend had said earlier this year. "I think the authorities just want to use him as a warning to others."



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Greek local elections

Socialists lose control of three main cities as voters switch parties

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The ruling Socialist Party, Pasok, sought a huge setback in the Greek local elections, which ended on Sunday; they lost control of the country's three biggest cities — Athens, Salonika and Piraeus — to their conservative rivals, and they were forced to lean heavily on Communist support to get their own candidates elected elsewhere.

Communist Party (KKE), which sought to trade its support in Athens against a pledge for an electoral law reform which Mr Papandreu refused to give.

Some 35,000 Communist voters, heeding party orders, cast blank or spoilt ballots. A few even voted for Mr Mihos Evert as Mayor of Athens. In the event he swept into power with 54.8 per cent of the total vote.

If the Socialist defeat in Athens was a foregone conclusion, the conservative victories in Salonika and Piraeus were significant because they were won against the odds of a Socialist-Communist front.

Pasok's increasing dependence on Communist backing was nowhere more evident than in Athens, where the Socialist mayor, Mr Dimitris Beis, might have been comfortably re-elected if the Communists had not decided to pull the rug out from under his feet.

Mr Beis became the victim of a feud between the Socialist Government of Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, and the Moscow-line Communist Party (KKE), which sought to trade its support in Athens against a pledge for an electoral law reform which Mr Papandreu refused to give.

Elsewhere in the country's 300-odd towns, the Socialist candidates succeeded only where the Communists lent them a hand, but not where the Communists and Social-

ists confronted each other. Pasok's executive bureau alleged that there had been collusion between New Democracy, the conservative main opposition party, and KKE in many places.

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Protesters greet King in Bilbao

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Police in Bilbao had to make repeated charges to break up a demonstration against the one-day visit yesterday by King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia to the Basque country.

Young people, including workers and students, organized by the left-wing nationalist Herri Batasuna party, the political wing of the separatist organization, Eta, were protesting at the visit by the Spanish head of state to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of Bilbao's Jesuit university.

Police stopped a crowd of about 500 demonstrators from getting near to the university buildings as the royal couple arrived, accompanied by Senator Jose Arizola.

MADRID: Nine officers expelled from the Army for belonging to an organization that opposed the former dictator, General Franco, are to be reinstated, according to the Madrid newspaper, *El Pais* (AFP reports).

French strike threatens widespread disruption

From Diana Geddes, Paris

More than five million public sector workers have been called out on strike today in what is expected to be the biggest union action for nine years.

Schools, railways, air transport, television, the post and hospitals are all expected to be severely disrupted.

Usually lacking in brotherly solidarity, the three main French trade union federations — the Communist-led CGT, the Socialist CFDT, and the middle-of-the-road Force Ouvrière — together with the main teachers' union, the FEEN, have, for once, agreed to co-ordinate actions and protests on the same day.

They are acting against government plans to cut 19,000 civil service jobs next year, without compulsory redundancies, and to hold down wage increases to the level of inflation after, according to the unions, a steady erosion in real wages over the past four years.

It is the first nationwide industrial action since the right was returned to power seven months ago.

Although the new Govern-

ment has lifted restrictions on redundancies, introduced a huge privatization programme, raised social security contributions and cut jobs, private sector workers have been largely unwilling to strike for fear of losing their jobs.

But today the French railways are expected to be able to run only one train in four, while the airlines hope at best for 80 take-offs and landings compared with 1,500 on a normal day.

The main teachers' union has advised parents to keep their children at home in the expectation of closing three-quarters of the schools, and the three public television channels will maintain only a "minimum service", as required by law, while the two private channels will restrict viewing time to a total of two and a half hours.

Public buildings and offices will remain closed and cuts are expected in gas and electricity supplies, while motorists will be able to drive through many unmanned motorway toll booths and postal deliveries will be virtually non-existent.

Shamir promises more settlements

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The "supreme value" of settlement throughout the land of Israel, including the occupied territories, was emphasized by Mr Yitzhak Shamir yesterday when he made his first speech in the Knesset as the new Prime Minister and introduced his Government.

"We will not discriminate between one part of the country and another," he said. "Just as there is one people of Israel, so is there one land of Israel."

Only two of the five or six settlements which were meant to have been set up under the terms of the agreement which brought Mr Shamir to power this week, in place of Mr Shimon Peres, have been established.

There is strong pressure from the Likud faction to expand the settlement policy and Mr Shamir respected it in his speech. The Government's shortage of money, however, seems certain to put a brake to much development.

The Government has only three real changes from that presented by Mr Peres 25

months ago. Mrs Shoshona Arbel-Almosino has come in as Health Minister in place of Mr Mordechai Gur, who refused to serve under Mr Shamir, Mr Zevulun Hammer has replaced the Religious Affairs Minister, Dr Yoel Burg, who has retired, and Mr Yitzhak Modai, who was dismissed for rudeness by Mr Peres, is back as Minister without Portfolio.

Mr Shamir said his first priority was to bring down inflation from its present level of around 20 per cent.

He said Israel "will continue to initiate and seek ways to peace... but it is good that those both far and near should know that we do not pursue peace out of weakness."

Colony prepares to welcome Queen

From Alan Hamilton, Hong Kong

When the Queen begins a three-day visit to Hong Kong today she will be the last British monarch able to walk on Asian soil and claim it as her own. There is hunting in the streets, but not a lot.

A visit to Hong Kong is an essential follow-up to the Queen's tour of China last week, which despite the belch-in-a-bottle created by the Duke of Edinburgh's reported remarks to a group of Scottish students, is being seen by both sides as highly successful.

The British Embassy in Peking and the Queen's spokesman, Mr Michael Shea, yesterday dismissed reports that a member of the Royal household had been left behind to proffer apologies to Peking for the Duke's behaviour.

In diplomatic circles, the reality behind popular newspaper headlines is that Britain has given Hong Kong back to the Chinese, and that is that.

Perhaps the most significant engagement of the Royal tour of Hong Kong takes place after the Queen leaves on Thursday. The Duke of Edinburgh, who is returning to China on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund to see a panda reserve, is to visit the Gurkhas stationed in Hong Kong to preside over the disbandment of a battalion.

There are 7,000 Gurkhas in Hong Kong as part of the British military garrison, most of them engaged on border patrols to stop the flow of illegal immigrants from China. But the flow has declined, and they

Arms check

Miami (Reuters) — Cranes of weapons bearing Russian and Spanish markings washed ashore on Florida beaches have been given to military agencies for examination.

Mali denial

St-Denis, Réunion (Reuters) — The French Interior Minister, M Charles Fassin, rejected accusations that 101 expelled Malians had been dragged on to a flight home, and said expulsions of foreigners would recur "whenever necessary".

Fishing deal

Tonga (AP) — The United States has agreed after talks with the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency to pay \$40 million over five years for fishing rights in 16 Pacific island nations, the Australian Associated Press reported.

Campus blaze

Ulm, West Germany (AFP) — A fire half-destroyed a three-storey hospital laboratory at Ulm University. Sixty patients were evacuated.

River escape

Hanover (Reuters) — A 20-year-old East German crossed to the West by swimming the River Elbe, border police said.

Aids alert

Peking (Reuters) — China has set up an Aids prevention team after four Chinese were found carrying the virus.

Iran deaths

Ahvaz, Iran (AFP) — Five civilians were killed and 15 injured when a stationary freight train was attacked by Iraqi fighters north of Ahvaz, in Khuzestan province, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Heroin haul

Amsterdam (Reuters) — Dutch police said they had smashed an international drugs ring, arresting 38 people and recovering 22 lb of heroin after an undercover investigation that lasted two months.

US pilot faces 'political' tribunal in Managua

From Alan Tomlinson, Managua

An American pilot captured in Nicaragua after his plane was shot down during a supply drop to US-backed rebels two weeks ago was due to face a special revolutionary court yesterday.

Mr Eugene Hasenfus, aged

45, was to appear before an Anti-Somocista People's Tribunal on charges as yet unknown.

The term Somocista describes not only supporters of the former dictator Anastasio Somoza but virtually anybody suspected of opposing the Sandinista revolution which toppled him.

Defendants are judged by a tribunal consisting of a lawyer and two members of Sandinista organizations.

This creates "a potential for undue political influence", according to a report by Americas Watch, an independent US human rights group.

"Our greatest concern is

are no longer needed. A battalion of 600 men of the 7th Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles is to be disbanded.

It is an early and significant indication that the British garrison is being run down in preparation for handover in 1997. There will be more.

A big welcome is being prepared for the Queen's first visit since 1975, but many residents see it as essentially an irrelevance. Hong Kong's future, they say, is in real terms no longer the concern of the British Government; it is a matter of negotiation between the Chinese Government and American business interests in the territory.

These Hong Kong Chinese who can afford to do so are already preparing to leave. Few will come to Britain, as a Hong Kong passport gives no automatic right of residence in the United Kingdom. Canada is the most favoured destination.

There is little animosity towards Britain, and certainly none towards the Queen, who can expect an enthusiastic and colourful welcome. There is a feeling that the eventual handover of Hong Kong was inevitable, and that the British did well to negotiate the treaty that they did with China.

As the crowds did in Shanghai, so, will they turn out in Hong Kong. Politics apart, the Queen is still tremendous street theatre.

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THE ARTS

Nuggets of gold

"I do tend to get a little people-starved", said an American gold prospector in this week's...

TELEVISION

This elemental glistering of gold was a welcome contrast to the more elusive money-making of Abdul Shamji...

The programme was also, no doubt, welcome to the BBC to that it temporarily relieved them of the burden of baiting the Conservative Party...

It could be argued that in Thames's own intermittently amusing publishing sit-com, Executive Stress, which stars Penelope Keith and Geoffrey Palmer...

Andrew Hislop

An enjoyable shock of dislocation

Surrealism in Britain in the Thirties Leeds City Art Galleries

Surrealism in England 1936 and After Laing Gallery, Newcastle

Contrariwise: Surrealism and Britain 1930-1986 Glynn Vivian Art Gallery, Swansea

Edward Burra: Designs for the Stage Marina Henderson

Art and Alembry was the theme of the central pavilion at this year's Venice Biennale, and naturally a lot of Surrealism was to be seen there...

The good news is that there is more than enough to go round, and extraordinarily impressive a lot of it is...

GALLERIES

(Lovers) is at Leeds until December 7. Surrealism in England 1936 and After is at Newcastle until November 22...

No doubt the survivors of the British Surrealist movement - and they are surprisingly numerous - would object to the looseness of Swansea's definition...



Taking no more than he wanted from Surrealism: Edward Burra's 'Revolver Dream No 3 (1931)'

continues happily today, not only in the work of such as Glen Baxter, who make a point of disorientating leaps between ideas...

Certainly most of these are as they are because Surrealism existed and theorized about itself and created scandals: insensibly we have become acclimatized...

There are also at Swansea, thought-provoking examples of British documentary photography which, just by the photographers' gift of capturing the weird moment or selecting in such a way...

In general, it seems to me, Swansea's contemporary easel-painters who favour the surrealist

come off much less well than the commercial artists: there tends to be something a little cute and self-conscious about them...

streams of liquid. John Armstrong's 'Influx of Easter' with flowers and flying machines springing out of an egg or out of the soil itself in a transfigured lunar landscape...

However authoritarian and concerned with orthodoxy the Surrealists were, there is certainly no lack of variety in their work...

My suspicion is that probably only those who know from other contexts, like Paul Nash and Edward Burra, could stand up to that particular test...

John Russell Taylor

CONCERTS

BBCSO/Atherton Festival Hall/Radio 3

Britten referred to the finale of his 'Spring Symphony' as a May Day festival, but Sunday night's teasing, tense and exhilarant performance reminded us that the description really applies to the whole work...

Right at the start the mood is less certain. The music suggests that it could go in either of two directions: into the promised choral anthology, or as the purely instrumental passages seem to want, into an anguished orchestral symphony along the lines of the 'Sinfonia da Requiem'...

The other soloist was Felicity Palmer, who perhaps sounded like Marnie Sossos in 'The Midsummer Marriage' only because we had just been hearing echoes of that world ringing through Tippett's Fourth Symphony...

Paul Griffiths

Stockholm Sinfonietta/Llewellyn Elizabeth Hall

Chamber orchestras depend on collective personality, and the Swedish visitors who ended their British tour off Sunday night have developed theirs in total features...

Grant Llewellyn, who won the Leeds Conductors Competition early this year, took a genial view of the work, with considerable felicities of phrasing and tempo...

Noël Goodwin

Poetic perfection

Like Barry Douglas, Victor Sangiorgio was recently in Moscow for the Tchaikovsky competition. He reached the semifinal stage, but you do not get much publicity for that...

His programme here was ambitious by any standards, but the principal characteristics of his playing were already evident in Mozart's D major Sonata K576, with which he began...

But the best thing of the evening was his superlative performance of both books of Debussy's 'Images'...

Stephen Pettitt

Problems of tonal incompatibility often mar a two-piano recital, but the husband-and-wife team of Christopher Black and Yoko Katayama dispelled any reservations...

James R. Oestreich

LONDON DEBUTS

Seunghye Kl, a soprano from South Korea, for all her powerful high notes has yet to discover an effective genre for her voice...

The American piano duo-tists Tony and Mary Ann Lentz impressed me most in music that I did not know...

A viola recital may be something of a rarity, but Edward Vandergaer is so innately musical that one became oblivious as to which string instrument he was playing...

The London-based pianist Marco Luzzato, for all his engaging modesty, does not really possess the sweep to be effective in the bigger works of the instrument's repertoire...

James Methuen-Campbell

THEATRE

Body Cell Soho Poly

Melissa Murray is the Soho Poly's Writer in Residence (courtesy of the Thames Television Playwright Scheme)...

The central figure of Body Cell is a sullenly aggressive young woman enjoying solitary confinement in Durham Gaol...

Martin Cropper



Carolyn Pickles: persuasive as a dehumanized victim

— that her situation is in some perverse way elective — we have substantially lost interest...

Martin Cropper



A gift to posterity: Hildegard Behrens with Simon Estes in Act II

Die Walküre Metropolitan, New York

The New York Times Magazine recently published an excellent essay entitled 'Vocal Burnout at the Opera'...

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fortas) yet underpowered and dry of tone, it revealed little that need concern posterity. Indeed, on present plans, only one of the current leads will appear in the recording...

James R. Oestreich

Advertisement for The Royal Ballet at the Royal Opera House, featuring Kenneth Macmillan's 'Mayerling' with dancers James Methuen-Campbell and Carolyn Pickles.

Project X: how they

THE END OF THE STREET E.C.4.

● Once Rupert Murdoch had decided to launch the London Post as a greenfield site project at Wapping, events moved fast. In this second extract from *The End of the Street*, an independent account which has been written without the cooperation of News International, Linda Melvern describes "Project X" — and reveals how some of Wapping's secrets were uncovered by two "moles" working for the Fleet Street print unions.

● Neither News International nor Times Newspapers has cooperated with the author, as she makes clear in a foreword, and we do not necessarily associate ourselves with any of the statements presented as fact in the book nor any of the conclusions reached

Part 2: Smylie's People

John Keating had come a long way since his days as a compositor in Liverpool. Quietly spoken and shrewd, Keating had gone to the United States in the 1960s, eventually settling at the Washington Post and rising through the ranks to become assistant production manager.

The Post's labour relations at that time were a shambles. Kay Graham, its owner, acquired near-legendary status for the Post's Watergate exposé, but she was indecisive in business matters and was losing control to the print unions. Regaining that control was to be a long, bloody and clandestine battle involving, among other things, a secret project to re-train staff for new technology. It was called "Project X".

In 1974, just before the final confrontation with the unions, Keating had shown two of Rupert Murdoch's executives around the Washington Post. Keating was immediately hired by Murdoch and later became his technical director. So Keating missed out on the climax of Project X — but, 11 years later, he was to get a second chance.

Murdoch told Keating that he needed a computer system for a UK operation and he needed it fast. Keating called AteX, the Boston-based computer company, and two days after the meeting at which Murdoch had outlined the Post project to his executives, Ronald A. Brumback and Harland K. LaVigne got out of a Yellow cab at the door of Murdoch's apartment on Fifth Avenue in New York. They were late and very nervous. They were there to meet potentially the biggest client in the industry. A deal with Murdoch would give AteX the edge in what

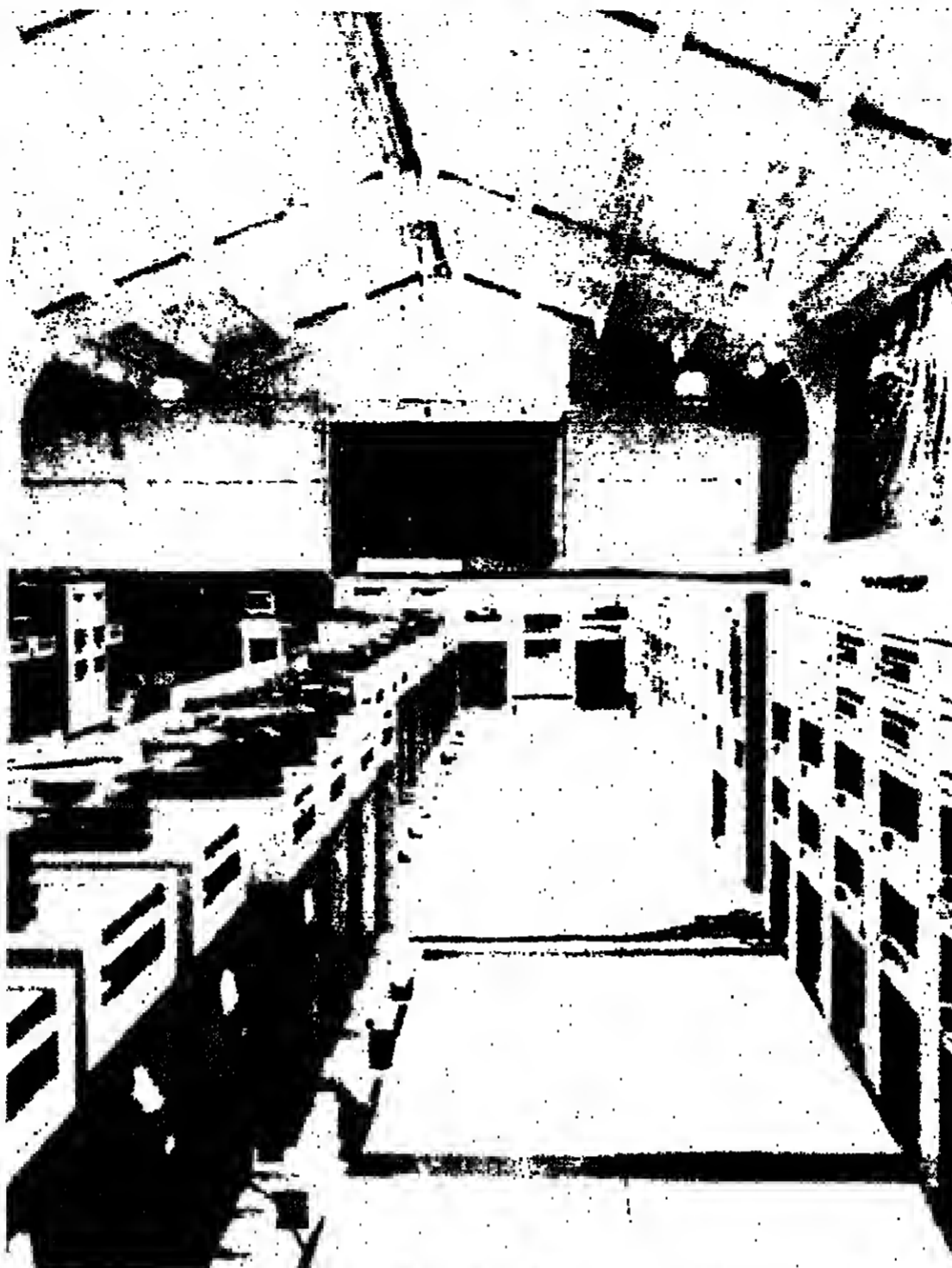
was fast becoming a fierce battle to supply Fleet Street.

When Murdoch asked if AteX could deliver, within four months, the biggest-ever one-off direct input system in the industry's history, Brumback did not hesitate. Murdoch told him the target date for installation was June 1. A secrecy clause would be written into the contract. The deal was worth \$10 million.

Ben Barton Smylie, a tough, stocky Texan with an infectious sense of humour, was chosen to head an AteX team of 12, each of whom would be bound by the secrecy clause. They became known, inevitably, as Smylie's People. The operation, by an ironic coincidence, was called "Project X". The disappearance of the team from their various offices was explained under the cover that they were working on a government contract overseas.

The first thing Smylie's people needed was a London hide-out, where they could test equipment and build a plywood mock-up of the Wapping computer room. Bruce Matthews, managing director of News International, and Ken Taylor, the project manager, found the ideal spot — a corrugated iron and brick warehouse on a run-down site in Woolwich, part of which was used by vegetable merchants. One of the team said: "It was scummy. There were holes in the roof and no heat. It was filthy, dark and dingy. There were hundreds of pigeons in there."

But by the time Smylie's team set to work a few weeks later, the warehouse — dubbed Bunker Hill after the 1775 battle at Boston in which the American militia laid siege to the British — had been transformed: gassed, sandblasted and painted and new lighting installed. It was thanks to Taylor. One of the AteX team said: "He



Bunker Hill comes to London: inside the warehouse which became a full-scale computer room mock-up

worked his butt off. All England is f— up mentally but they can move fast and perfect if you kick ass."

The first shipment of equipment left Boston on Tuesday March 12. The company logo on the boxes had been painted over and the load was routed through Paris. It arrived at the bunker on March 30 and after welcoming it in, Smylie's people went to watch the Grand National at the home of Charles Wilson, then deputy editor of *The Times* and editorial director of the Post. Wilson backed the winner, Last Suspect, at 50-1; Smylie's choice, Rupertino at 33-1, was unplaced.

Throughout April, Smylie's people worked as fast as they could. The hours were long. The warehouse was only 500 yards from the Thames and it was often damp and cold, mist rising from the river. On a few sunny afternoons, the team would take sandwiches to the end of Warspite Pier, where steps led down to boat moorings.

A run-down docklands warehouse transformed overnight

Each morning a fleet of cars, organized by Smylie, would pick them up from their rented houses in Belgravia and Chelsea and late at night would take them back. Initially, 17 Chesham Place, Belgravia, was the team's headquarters; they installed an Apple computer and a photocopier to cope with administration.

On Saturday, April 20, a Saturday, Murdoch visited the bunker. He found the team in the midst of frantic activity. He was shown the mock-up of the computer room and "fell in love with it all", according to one AteX employee. Murdoch wowed them with his enthusiasm. "When a guy bigger than Time Inc calls you by your first name," an engineer said, "you will do anything...he is a kinsman." The visit was a boost for them all.

Twenty-three computers — central processing units, or CPUs — were eventually shipped from Boston, three at a time. The team worked long hours. The software, which would normally take two months to devise, had been made ready in two weeks. The whole system was ready for a test run in front of News International executives on May 1. "These guys had laid out a lot of money and wanted to see it work," an engineer said. "They wanted it up and running."

Six people came to the test and for two hours copy was fed through terminals. The only hitch



The bunker's unprepossessing exterior hardly drew a second glance

came when Jack Charbonneau, a systems engineer from San Francisco, ripped the seat of his trousers and had to sidle out with his back to the wall. He rushed to Woolwich and bought another pair.

The main computer was moved into the Wapping plant on the night of May 31. At 11pm, three 40-foot lorries drew up outside the bunker. The system was not packed up or crated; it was moved to Wapping "naked". There was only one moment of apprehension during the night, when a helicopter flew low over the Wapping plant. The operation took a team of nine men only four hours.

A few people from Gray's Inn Road (home of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*) had been recruited to learn the system but there were thousands of operational problems and many arose because NI people felt Smylie's team was determined to set up the system in the same way they would for an American paper, which are much less heavily subtitled than British ones and therefore have different requirements.

Various meetings were held to discuss progress. The minutes, which identified people by initials only and which were usually collected up and destroyed in one of the plant's three shredders, tell a fascinating story of how Wapping was transformed.

By May 21 the platemaking area was ready, the four editorial areas were on schedule for the end of June and the press room for the end of July. Only the preparation of the composing room was a problem; space was tight.

Charles Wilson, editorial director of the Post, reported to one meeting that he had "identified the people he wants to undertake training and is holding them in readiness, but their names cannot be released at the present time".

Security was a priority. This was under the charge of Christopher Pole-Carew, then a consultant to Murdoch and one of the print unions ever since he had taken them on over new technology at the *Evening Post*, Nottingham. Everyone at Wapping was issued with a numbered security pass (Pole-Carew's was 007), a steel fence was put up and razor wire, known as "Barrier Z", was imported from Germany.

In August, Bob O'Hagan, a security consultant, produced a report which stated: "This document contains some items obtained from an unauthorised classified source." The report, concerning security for key executives, said they should "inform the local police of who you are and of the project in which you are involved". O'Hagan considered "there are those among us who may be regarded as targets for terrorism" and he advised those at risk not to maintain regular patterns of behaviour, to fit locks and chains to doors and windows.

As work progressed, there was some argument about when individual computer terminals could be installed. On September 19, Wilson told a meeting: "In view of the current level of knowledge known by the NIU (journalists' union)...the terminals should not be put to yet."

By mid-September there were 59 staff in the press room; four more were expected from Australia and two from America. The plant was full of newsprint and ink and there had been successful test runs on the presses.

They were now preparing for a Murdoch visit due to start on September 29. The next day he was scheduled to meet the five main unions. It was to be, at least in retrospect, a fateful occasion.

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Blasts from the past

Here is a little known but warming fact for the jingoistic heart every time the American national anthem is sung, tribute is paid to Britain's pioneering rocket technology. It goes back to an emergent nation's struggle against the diabolical boobyism of a superpower 170 years ago (for emergent nation read the United States, for superpower read Britain).

It was the spirited defence of Fort McHenry against the British bombardment by Congreve rockets in 1814 which inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner", with its lines: "And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air/Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there."

Sir William Congreve's rocket, which could reach six miles into the sky, heralded the start of modern space science, and introduces the Science Museum's new Space Gallery, opening tomorrow (the official opening, by the Duke of Kent, is today).

British contributions to the Earth's extra-terrestrial strivings have not had the recognition they deserve, according to Dr John Becklake, curator of space technology at the museum. "Throughout the 19th century the British were supreme — until the rifled gun bore made military rockets obsolete for the time," said Dr Becklake. "And we were significantly ahead of the game at certain points in this century too."

It was not until 1926, when Robert Goddard flew the world's first liquid-fuel rocket, that the Americans entered the space race. Dr Becklake wanted a model of the rocket for the gallery and borrowed a photograph from the Smithsonian. Mike Ball, the Science Museum's head model-maker, brought it back to Dr Becklake and said: "This rocket would

There was a time when Britain ruled the sky. A new exhibition highlights our contribution to rocket technology

Much flurry and backtracking through the Smithsonian's files revealed that this sole photo of Goddard with his creation had been snapped in a hurry, with Goddard sticking the components together willy-nilly, and assembling it properly for flight a week later. No one noticed, and the Science Museum's model is the only accurate reproduction Goddard in the world.

Between 1946 and 1958 British rocketry was as sophisticated as any. The research rocket Black Knight was launched 22 times with no failures and the associated wizardry contributed to putting a man on the moon.

On display for a month is a model of the satellite launcher of the future, HOTOL — the Horizontal Take-Off Landing Launcher. Fuelled by oxygen from the atmosphere, this extraordinary craft will get passengers to Australia in two and a half hours.

Another exhibit will be the UK Scanner, the brainchild of astronomy curator Dr Jon Daris. From a "spy" satellite 140 miles up, 5,000 images of the country have been taken and recorded on laser disc.

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Tomorrow: how HOTOL took wing

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Getting it right: John Keating, right, News International's technical director, outputs a story during a computer test at the banker

'Moles' the unions ignored

Although Wapping had heavy security from the start, it was soon "breached" by two resourceful, if scarcely high-powered, men from the print unions

The two print workers spent a year studying the inside of the plant and they had produced the only serious assessment the unions ever made of the plant. They were receiving information from a high-level source inside the company. They compiled a dossier and built up a network of spies who leaked them dozens of documents. Lists smuggled from the security gate revealed the names of all the Atex personnel. The pair had been tipped-off to pay particular attention to a company called "Cadrioad". They never traced it — because the name they were

given was wrong, it was in fact Caprioad, an off-the-shelf company used for the Atex undercover operation.

At first they met their contacts in dockland pubs. "We had about five regular moles," one of them said. "Some were high up in the company. Others were contractors on the site." Eventually they became nervous about meeting near the plant — so the meetings moved to Fleet Street.

The investigators were Tony Cappi, from the Bouverie Street engineers assistants' chapel, and Terry Ellis, a rotary press engineer. Neither was political, neither held high chapel office. Indeed, there was suspicion, even resentment, about the absence from normal work of Cappi and Ellis; both had been allowed into

Wapping by the management to assess the presses and other machinery there.

By June of 1984, they produced their report for the unions; it ran to 102 pages. It included the specifications of every single piece of machinery in the plant. A short conclusion on the last page described the plant as "a bold, well-planned step into the future and a fine technical achievement".

The report was the only serious investigation of Wapping the unions carried out, yet it was not widely welcomed in Fleet Street chapels. "Trade unionists said it was wrong. They thought we had sold ourselves short," Ellis said, referring to the manning levels in the report.

With their accumulated evidence on how Wapping was being prepared, Cappi and the Father of

his Chapel, Harry Stanswick, mounted an exhibition of the evidence at the Strand Palace Hotel.

They invited all the general secretaries and other senior officials, but only one turned up — Paul Frizzell, assistant branch secretary for RIRMA, a branch of Sogat and one of the lowest in the Fleet Street ranks.

The exhibition showed pictures of Wapping, including equipment which News International had installed. There was a complete set of building plans and a typed list of people who were employed on the installation work.

By late afternoon, when no one else had arrived, they were disheartened. They packed up the exhibition and left. "It appeared we were taken lightly" Ellis said later.

Realities of the Post

Much of the speculation about Wapping concerned whether plans for the London Post were 'real' or, as some union sources said, merely a stalking horse behind which Murdoch intended all along to move the entire group to Wapping

After a meeting with Rupert Murdoch on September 30 the print union general secretaries believed that the London Post was a reality. Murdoch's senior executives in Britain and America knew how cleverly he had kept all his options open. He was now ready for any eventuality. Whatever happened, it seemed he could not lose. "We could now respond to any threat" an executive explained. "They (the unions) had always had the ultimate weapon — now we had it."

Some executives thought from the start that the unions would go on strike over Wapping, but what would have happened if they did not stop work? One executive said: "The Times and The Sunday Times would have stayed in Gray's Inn Road and we would have ended up with the Post (at Wapping). Murdoch would have ended up with too much computer equipment but that would have been small change to him. There are plenty of other Murdoch companies throughout the world who could use the equipment."

Bruce Matthews always talked of producing the Post. "From February and March 1985 onwards," he said, "the priorities so far as the Post was concerned were the editorial and physical preparation of the Wapping plant."

Charles Wilson said that most of his time in 1985 had been taken up as editorial director of the Post until his appointment as editor of The Times in November that year. "From the beginning the plan was to produce the newspaper on an editorial direct-input system similar to the Atex system that I had used in Chicago," Wilson, who planned



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The Post: A 'dummy' front page of the planned 24-hour paper

the character and the market targeting of the Post, said it had been "a fascinating exercise".

He had drawn up a staff list and appointed three assistants. Wilson said the first projected launch date of the Post had been the autumn of '85 but by the summer it was clear the plant would not be ready, so the company had announced a postponement.

Work on the paper continued, Wilson said. "We began work on preparing 'dummies', first single pages then sections and on to whole editions. I have to say that I never had any doubt that it was the group's intention to produce the Post as I have outlined. It was real to me in every sense."

Some middle-managers thought Murdoch did have a "master plan" under which there was an intention to produce the Post. One executive claims to have heard Murdoch refer to Wapping as "the bear trap"; this executive believed Murdoch's fall-back position had become his prime purpose and that he had always intended moving the four papers to Wapping.

But a senior executive, who was involved from the beginning, said: "I think Murdoch made up his mind as he went along. He

just saw it developing. I don't believe there was a master plan."

The most revealing interview Murdoch had ever given about Wapping appeared in a special section, printed at Wapping and carried in the Sunday Times on January 19 — only a week before the strike was called.

Asked why a legally binding, no-strike agreement was so important to him, Murdoch said: "Newspapers are under threat all over the world from electronic competition, and in many countries there is a decline in readership. The greatest asset newspapers have is the habit factor. We cannot afford to go on interrupting that."

Then he was asked whether he had the capacity to print his four existing titles at Wapping. He replied: "We don't want to do that because of course we don't have sufficient presses to do that satisfactorily. We want to start the Post there and we want to put our existing titles in other plants. But if we are struck in the manner in which the unions are now threatening, then we will have no choice but to try and keep producing as best we can. It is both our duty to do that as publishers and our obligation as business people."

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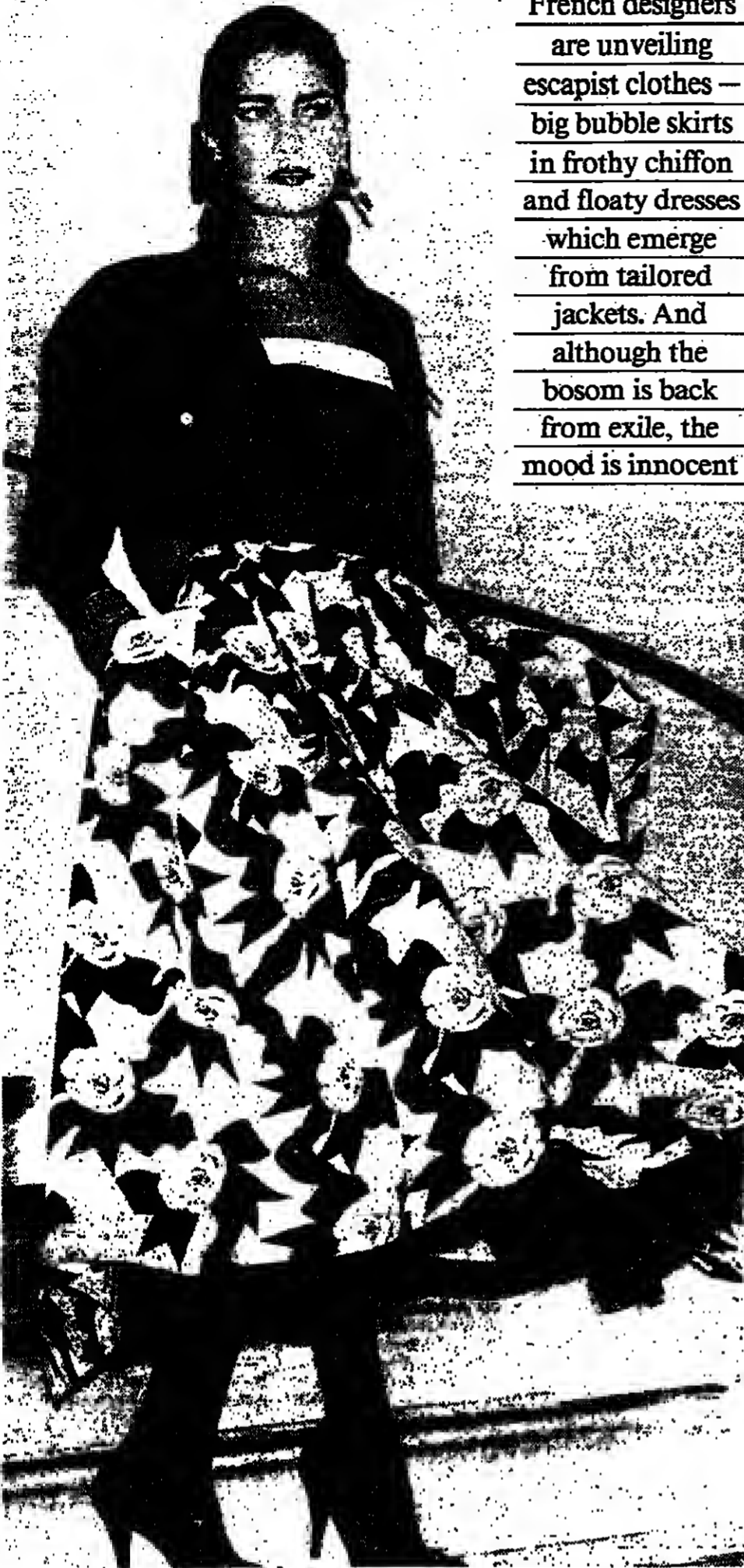
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PARIS FASHION by Suzy Menkes

The Yellow Brick Road show

French designers are unveiling escapist clothes — big bubble skirts in frothy chiffon and floaty dresses which emerge from tailored jackets. And although the bosom is back from exile, the mood is innocent



Far left: Chanel's camellia print swingy skirt with denim bolero jacket. Above left: Martine Sitbon's fresh pink short dress with bold striped petticoat. Above: Jean Paul Gaultier's bubble skirt with black and white striped jacket. Below: Thierry Mugler's full skirted Heidi dress and headscarf. Below left: Claude Montana's high waisted striped pyjama trousers and thin transparent white chiffon top.

Who's Afraid of the Big Bad World? The mood of this week's Paris shows, held under rigid security in the wake of the terrorist bombings, is whimsical and escapist. Against the odds, the clothes are young, pretty and up-beat. The skirt is the fashion issue of the season — not its length, but its width. Flares and drapes of fabric are loosening up the tight slim line. The putball skirt, made in light-weight chiffon, voile, or tafeta, is the clear winner. But there are many other variations on the theme, from high-waisted, A-line trapezes to slender tubes flaring out at the hem. The new line looks most convincing when the skirt breaks out exuberantly from under a tailored jacket. The girlish skirts are matched by a womanly focus above the waist, where breasts are emerging from their androgynous exile. Thinly veiled in wisps of chiffon — which is the runaway fabric star of the season — or draped in silky jersey and lace knits, the bosom is back in fashion. It sounds sexy, and there is a flirt feel to all the young Parisian collections. But the overall impression is surprisingly innocent. Colours are Disney-land — pastels, road-styled red and junglebook green with black and white stripes and spots. The Chanel show yesterday morning said it all. The models walked down the runway in frothy, frothy black net, cheeks flared dresses in white denim or bold horizontally-striped knits with matching boots. The result was a madcap show, filled with infectious gaiety and a multitude of ideas from the Chanel's irrefragable designer Karl Lagerfeld. These included a bold print of Chanel's signature camellia, the conventional suit braiding in graphic checkerboard and plastic accessories to take the gilt out of Chanel jewellery. The line was tightly short, tight and curvy. Newest were the full skirts, for trapeze-line white suits, and the raised empire waist. That looked sensational in chiffon, suspended from a bodice made of the famous quilted Chanel bag as a funky evening dress. his own label, Karl



Lagerfeld played music from The Wizard of Oz, and some of us magic touched his collection. For the first time, he interpreted current fashion trends in a light, fluid and sophisticated way. Lagerfeld's skirts come to life at the hem, which was mostly well above the knee. Lightweight silks, fine linens, poplin and chiffon were all expressed in movement, and panels opened out at the hips or fanned into a peacock tail of fabric at the back of a skinny skirt. Claude Montana softened his strong lines by draping fabric gently across the bust — but not by dropping the wide shoulders he launched 10 years ago and which are waning in other collections. Trousers outnumbered skirts, but they were cut wide and loose or softened with sheer chiffon blouses in sugared almond shades. His happiest mix was the wide striped pyjama topped with a matelot sweater in transparent organdie. Montana also had a sweet bubble skirt and bloomers to emphasize the new volume below the waist. Jean Paul Gaultier's show

was a louche parade of Parisian low life, and his clothes were a cartoon strip of all the current fashion messages, especially the emphasis on the bosom and the wide skirt. Gaultier's bubble and crinoline skirts break out just above the knee from under a short-sleeved jacket. His use of stretch fabrics for both sexes is innovative and the most insistent sound track for this irreverent show with its strong sexual charge was a song called "No Shame". Martine Sitbon — one of France's new-wave designers — played Walt Disney's Bambó. It expressed the mood of her pretty dresses, cut high in the waist and low in the bust. Mini crinolines, A-line trapezes, and short pleats swung out below fitted jackets and her colours were as adorable as her fresh-faced models — marshmallow pink, fondant green, and meringue white. The same little-girl silhouette, with a raised waist and wide or ruffle skirt, was the theme of the young collections grouped at the Beaux Arts. These included the perky

tailoring and mixed spots and stripes of Premonville and Dewavrin. The Japanese have also caught the new mood. Rei Kawakubo, of Comme des Garçons, sent out her models with ruy cheeks, crimped-up curls, twirling in swingy short skirts. The line is girlish, with a tight shoulder line above a slightly raised waist. Surety jersey in school-blazer stripes and white over-the-knee socks emphasized the youthful effect of a pretty collection which included T-shirt dresses in a delectable ribbon lace fabric. The same fitted silhouette breaking out in a riot of movement below the waist came from Yohji Yamamoto, who had puffy bloomers and net skirts looped into a bustle at the back. Yohji's soft and hard line bloomed again in mid-calf skirts splashed with a single bright flower. Issey Miyake's striped and spotted knits and more sophisticated pattern dresses in greenery colours looked young and commercial, rather than creative. The queues in Paris seem to

be growing into the more womanly clothes. Thierry Mugler's Brunhildes were laced into tender chiffon evening dresses in sweet mauves and blues. Mugler's show started well with Tyrolean cross-lacing on short dirndl skirted dresses. The inspiration might charitably be called Heidi Grows Breasts. The rest of his show, with German choral songs, beige suede lederhosen and white Hitler Youth uniforms, plumbed the depths of bad taste. Nino Cerruti shone this season in a showroom presentation at which his own stylish but mature wife was the star. Cerruti's elegant separates were laced with the new looks, including sheer chiffon peeping under the hem of a long full skirt, filling in a side slit or lapping the breasts above a flirty taffeta skirt. For Sonia Rykiel, the show is still the thing. Her relentlessly up-beat music, introduced a fine presentation of Rykiel classics, up-dated this season with quilting and with ruffles and bows. Skirts and jackets were both either short, sharp and cropped, or elongated.

The show season continues this week with the ready-to-wear collections of the establishment couturiers. There is a general sense that — terrorist threats apart — the big Paris spectacles are breaking up into smaller groups and that fashion spectacles may be coming to an end.

Photographs by Harry Kerr

Advertisement for 'Waterproof Raincoats' by 'The Project' featuring a woman in a raincoat. Text includes 'THREE JAY & CO (1986)', 'WALK, CYCLE, FISH, SAIL?', and 'Proprietary J&J, Germany'.

PARIS PEOPLE

Raisa sharp

While the Queen was climbing the Great Wall of China, I was leading through Yves St Laurent's Chinese travel snaps. St Laurent, whose Rive Gauche collection is 20 years young tomorrow, took his camera along with his retrospective exhibition to Peking's Palace of Fine Arts in the spring of 1985. The show, currently pulling in the crowds in Paris, takes to the road again in December, when YSL, a favourite with Raisa Gorbachov, hits Moscow's Art Museum. Next March, the king of Paris couture pulls off the coup royale by opening at Leningrad's Hermitage.

Cardin's China dolls

Pierre Cardin French fashion's export mega-star, was the first to penetrate the bamboo curtain. He opened a showroom in Peking in 1981, founded a fashion school and brought a bevy of Chinese models, including the internationally-known Chukie, over for his Paris couture show last year.

Rykiel's show stoppers

Sonia Rykiel tells me that the enchanting little girls who showed off the new Rykiel children's wear — end stole Sunday night's show — were plucked from the ballet school run by Sonia's sister.

Alaïa's tight fit

I hear that Azzedine Alaïa, the pint-sized Tunisian-born designer who brought back female curves, is going to tempt us with clingy combinations when he unveils his new show today.

Star Trek parade

A terrified black cat and a babe in arms were among the hundred-odd models lined up for Jean Paul Gaultier's homage to Star Trek parade at the Porte de la Villette last week. A blinding spotlight beamed up each individual Gaultier clone from curvaceous, busty lady shoe-designer Marthe Lapache, to gaunt model Leslie Winer with her three-month-old baby, clothed in black nylon. Vampire girls were pulled from the seadier side of Paris night-life. Clad in cling-on dresses and catsuits that looked like sprayed-on gold paint, each model marched, skipped and sashayed from a revolving platform down a never-ending runway.



The lissom film actress Carole Bouquet (above), last seen in Bunuel's That Obscure Object of Desire, was star guest at yesterday's Chanel show. Carole, France's brunette answer to blonde Catherine Deneuve, has been signed up to promote Chanel No 5, the perfume that Marilyn Monroe used to wear in bed.

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Not quite Big Bang

It was not the happiest of afternoons for the Labour MP Clare Short when she visited Parmeters comprehensive school in Watford last week. I was told that she had become 'fired by sixth-formers' questions during a talk on socialism and drove off afterwards in such a fury that she had an unfortunately close encounter with a parked car belonging to a teacher. When I called her home. Alex Lyon, her husband, assured me that my informant must have been 'just a silly teacher', humiliated by his wife's skilful and articulate replies to her questions. Now, however, Short confesses, 'I did touch a car', but promises she neither lost her temper nor damaged it. Michael Heseltine and Shirley Williams, currently protesting at being 'banned' from addressing schoolchildren, should start thanking their lucky stars.

Out-classed

When Lord King, chairman of British Airways, flew to Hong Kong to meet the Queen this week, so many fare-paying passengers had paid for first class and business class tickets that he was asked to 'help out' by travelling economy class. With knees tucked further into chest than he is used to, he found himself in the rear compartment for the 15-hour flight embroiled in a lengthy discussion about heart surgery.

The last thing the BBC needs is a compliment from the Soviet Union. But that is what it gets in the latest issue of Soviet Sport. It praises the Beeb for 'attempting to draw back the curtain of silence with which Britain is covering up football hooliganism predominantly carried out by National Front members'.

Fiat lux

The lighting of candles in Roman Catholic churches for saints' days and remembering the dead could become a thing of the past. At Venice's 15th-century Church of the Sacred Heart, worshippers now put money into a slot machine that lights up an electric plastic candle, whose filament flickers for about five minutes.

Backlash

After the anti-public school speech by a Sberborne theology master, Chris Dames, at the Labour Party conference (Diary, Oct 6), I asked the head, Robin Macnaghten, if public expression of such views was compatible with Dames's continued employment. Macnaghten replied that he did not wish to comment on the political views of his staff. He added one thing yesterday, however: Dames has now resigned.

Font of wisdom

The Church of England is not often ahead of the times, but on the question of illegitimacy the priests are streets ahead. While changes in the state law of legitimacy are only now coming up for scrutiny and debate, the church changed its own rules 17 years ago. Until 1969, under canon law dating from pre-Reformation times, candidates for ordination had to produce written evidence of legitimacy. Since then, they have needed only a baptism certificate. A case, perhaps, of God standing up for...



It's a step, comrades. We give up six medium-range diplomats for six of theirs.

Image rummage

Not to be outdone by Labour's red rose symbol, the Liberals have decided to ditch their mish-mash of logos in favour of a standard design. They note that the SDP already has an underscored blue-and-red logo incorporated, when appropriate, into the joint Alliance diamond. Trouble is, the suggestions for a Liberal counterpart so far have failed to fire the imagination. The national executive is looking at about a dozen possibilities, some containing the already well-used orange sunburst. None actually symbolizes anything, a head office spokesman admits.

Lost comrade

A touching reminder of wartime has reached Marmaduke Hussey in a letter from a man who was under his command at Anzio. On February 8, 1944, Guardsman D. J. Cairnes, waiting in the slit trenches, heard Hussey give the order 'Follow me'. Cairnes obeyed - and for the next 42 years, he wrote, heard nothing of his commander. Only when he heard the announcement of the new chairman of the BBC did he discover that Hussey (chief executive of Times Newspapers 1971-80) had 'made it'.

Machel: Africa loses a realist

by David Owen

The death of President Machel deprives Mozambique of its most charismatic political leader and southern Africa of a key figure outstanding for his realism. The man who fought the Portuguese colonial government from the hush, who emerged to wield the crucial influence during the period leading to independence, and then became Mozambique's first president, was a fascinating figure. His background was as a medical orderly in the Portuguese-led army. He could not speak a word of English and yet became a crucial influence on the politics and leaders of the surrounding English-speaking countries - Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa and Swaziland. A Marxist, who had been supported in the fight against the Portuguese mainly by Communist countries, he quickly established himself as a nationalist first and foremost. Rarely can any liberation leader have taken over a country facing worse difficulties. The mass exodus of the Portuguese managers left Mozambique without a working civil service structure. And from the outset he faced a hostile South Africa, ever ready to destabilize his country.

One of the most extraordinary features of Africa has been the readiness of those who have fought for and won their freedom to continue to pay a massive domestic price for supporting the freedom fight of their African neighbours. Machel came to power with Ian Smith still in control of Southern Rhodesia and immediately agreed to offer support and sustenance to the Rhodesian freedom fighters.

If Mozambique had stood aside from the Rhodesian struggle, it might have been possible for it to establish a relationship with South Africa. A purely 'Mozambique first' line must have seemed very tempting. Just as Keoeth Kauda in Zambia and Seretse Khama in Botswana have done, Samora Machel never hesitated to support the Zimbabwe struggle. Mozambique became the home for Robert Mugabe and ZANU. It was this relationship between Machel and Mugabe that became the anvil for Zimbabwe's independence. Machel was unstinting in his support, experienc-

ing constant raids from Ian Smith's forces and infiltration from the Selous Scouts. A crucial element in this early disruption was the support of the Rhodesian secret service for the Mozambique guerrilla movement, Renamo (the MNR). After Zimbabwe's independence, Renamo continued with the support of South Africa and became a real threat.

Machel's friendship for Mugabe and his commitment to his cause was always thoughtful, realistic and hard-headed. He was one of the first of the African leaders to see the merit of the 1977 Anglo-American proposals. He wanted to tie the power of the United States into Zimbabwe's freedom struggle and was fully aware that neither the Soviet Union, East Germany nor Cuba had the clout that would be necessary to topple Ian Smith and establish an independent Zimbabwe.

So it was not surprising that at a critical stage in the Lancaster House talks, it was Machel who took Mugabe to task and forced him to compromise. He made it

clear to Mugabe that if he was not prepared to accept fair and free elections on the terms available, Mugabe would not be welcome back in Mozambique to continue the armed struggle. Mugabe to his credit realized that that was the moment when he had to make a deal.

We do not know, perhaps we will never know, whether the crash that killed Machel was just an accident. What we do know is that the white minority government in South Africa will do anything to keep itself in power. If it can best do that by destabilizing Angola and Mozambique, holding on to Namibia, squeezing Botswana and screwing down on Zimbabwe, it will do so.

President Machel's loss is not just a loss for Mozambique, but for the whole of Africa. There will be many Western politicians who, like myself, grew to admire and respect this man and who will feel personally the gap that his death leaves. Perhaps his death will serve to remind us all of how ruthless and relentless racialism is, and how repugnant its continuation in South Africa remains.

The author is leader of the Social Democratic Party.

Roger Scruton

Guilt that begets misdirected aid

Now that the Church has become, in its official capacity, a vehicle for left-wing politics, the Tory Party might be described as the Anglican Church at prayer. It provides the crucial sense of unity and dutifulness which, in a better age, is the gift of a national church. This was particularly evident at the party conference, where a spirit of quiet cordiality prevailed over the passions of politics.

In such an atmosphere, it is difficult to mention failure. The faithful were assembled to renew their trust. The Conservative Party did not congratulate itself, but merely reaffirmed what is theologically necessary: that its deeds are virtuous and its doctrine sound. It reminded the congregation that it was as authoritative in foreign policy as in economic doctrine - despite the fact that, for several years now, the Conservative Party has had no foreign policy at all.

Of course, it does have a policy on defence the *sine qua non* of national independence. Nevertheless, there is little evidence that the party has thought very seriously about our interests abroad. And the faithful, in their gentle way, seemed to realize this.

One item was particularly hard for the Tory conscience to swallow. Delegates learned that, during 1985, their party had thrown away \$1.3 billion of the taxpayers' money on foreign aid. The speaker burst into the liturgical clapping. But the only sound was of swallowing throats and shifting folds of crumline.

The average Tory is a passably charitable creature, anxious to help those who can be truly helped in ways that would truly help them. But he also believes that money will improve the conditions of the impoverished only if conveyed to them by someone who is answerable for their welfare and anxious to improve it. He supports the party's economic policy because he knows that 'state subsidy' and 'public ownership' are euphemisms for the habit of investing in bankrupt industries.

Nor is it only Tory voters who are suspicious of what the Labour Party now chooses to call 'social ownership'. Whatever else Mrs Thatcher may have done, she has at least revitalized the perception that public money must be responsibly used, by those answerable for its expenditure, and that it is never so innocently used as in the pursuit of profit.

When it comes to foreign aid, however, the Tory instincts seem to desert the Tory leadership. The point has been argued over many years by Professors Bauer and Yamey, that (in their own words) 'to give money to governments on the basis of the poverty of their subjects is to reward the policies which cause impoverishment'. The Tory Party, which accepts the

economic premises from which that conclusion follows, nevertheless continues to give money to the regimes of the Third World, so countering the oppression and poverty of the people who are subject to them.

Two arguments are given in support of foreign aid, in addition to the demonstrably false claim that it helps those who need it. The first is prudential. It is in our interest, the Foreign Office tells us, to pour money into the fragile economies of the Third World, for by doing so we retain the goodwill of their governments, and prevent them from becoming communist. But where is the evidence for this claim? Where is the evidence that Mr Mugabe, for instance, will out of gratitude for our continual help in his post-colonial teething troubles, not use his teeth on us?

Leaders of post-colonial Africa have remained entirely unmoved by the bases that we have offered them. Many, like Colonel Mengistu of Ethiopia, have cynically appropriated foreign aid supplies and presented them to their starving citizens as proof of their own munificence. Others, like Presidents Nyerere of Tanzania and Kaunda of Zambia, have used our gifts to establish totalitarian systems which are communist in all but name. Others have responded to foreign aid as India has done - by joining the movement of 'non-aligned' states: in other words, by joining Cuba and Libya in what is, in effect, a massive exercise in anti-western propaganda, financed by Western aid.

The other reason offered for giving money to Third World governments is that we owe it to them. The colonization of Africa and India, it is argued, involved a vast transfer of wealth from the colonies to the metropolitan powers. But the argument is credible only because we forget that our principal exports to the colonies were invisible: laws, skills, education, administrative institutions and the fund of 'human capital' that was necessary to operate them. In many places those things were wantonly destroyed. Where they were not, in Hong Kong, for example, in Singapore or South Africa, growth has been continual, and foreign aid recently has not been required.

People accept the sub-Marxist theories of development not because they are true, but because they minister to guilt. Irrational guilt is as disastrous a foundation for public policy as it is for private life. If the Tory Party is one day to acquire a vision of Britain's place in the world, it must surely do so on such emotions what it has done to the sentimentalities of the welfare state; it must repudiate them, and begin again, from a help that is genuine, and a compassion that is sincere.

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Anthony Kenny alerts MPs to the dangers of a double-edged proposal



Last June the Government asked the House of Lords to approve a clause, tacked on to the Education Bill, entitled 'Freedom of Speech in the Universities, &c.' The clause prohibited governors, staff and students of establishments of further education from preventing people expressing their views on the establishment's premises. It imposed a duty upon senior administrators to take reasonable steps to ensure that duly invited speakers were not so prevented.

The clause was criticized as excessively broad in scope; peers explained it had been insufficiently discussed. The Government bowed to pressure and dropped it.

Today the Commons will be asked to approve a new and different freedom-of-speech clause. This lays a duty 'on every individual and body of persons concerned in the government' of any university, college or institution of further and higher education to take reasonable steps to 'ensure that freedom of speech within the law is secured for members, students and employees of the establishment and for visiting speakers'.

This duty includes 'the duty to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the use of any premises of the establishment is not denied to any individual or body of persons on any ground connected with the belief or views of that individual or of any member of that body on the policy or objectives of that body'.

The evils that the new clause is meant to prevent are real and serious evils. Recent reports of events at Ruskin College in Oxford and at Bristol University give grounds for urgent concern among all who care about academic freedom and political debate. In the face of these reports no individual and no institution can afford to be complacent.

However, last week's events highlight two different mischiefs and it is not clear that a single remedy is appropriate to both. When we talk of freedom of speech on campus we may mean academic freedom, or we may mean the right to a political platform. The two things need to be carefully distinguished.

Academic freedom is the right to conduct the teaching, research and administration of an academic institution free from force or fear, external or internal. Academic freedom is violated when lectures and seminars are

Find another way to enforce free speech

disrupted, when unpopular teachers and administrators are persecuted, when force or threats are used to determine academic decisions. Such things undermine the whole purpose of academic institutions and bring the academic community into disrepute if they are allowed to go un-punished.

No responsible institution of higher education can reasonably question this principle. For many years the statutes of Oxford University have made it an offence, punishable by expulsion, to 'disrupt or attempt to disrupt teaching or study or research or the administration of the university'. Most institutions of higher education have similar provisions.

Of course, it is one thing to have a rule and another to secure the punishment of violators. By Parliament's decision, universities have long ceased to be *in loco parentis*. Students are adults, and if they offend they must be disciplined by due process in accord with natural justice. When an offence has been committed it is not always easy to secure a conviction, if evidence of identification is conflicting, or if technical requirements have not been complied with by the prosecution. This is not a problem peculiar to university courts: the Director of Public Prosecutions has had similar troubles in getting convictions for offences on petrol lines and in extraditing IRA suspects.

The difficulties here, however, are practical and procedural. There can be no doubt about the principle. Universities have a clear duty to enforce the right of lecturers duly appointed, and students duly enrolled, to give or take their courses. There is no equally clear principle governing the rights and duties of institutes of higher education concerning speakers who wish to address meetings of social, religious, or political clubs on campus.

The Government's new clause seeks to impose sweeping and unparalleled duties on universities and polytechnics in the name of 'freedom of speech'. Now freedom of speech is a most precious civil liberty. As enshrined in the First Amendment to the American constitution, and in bills of rights, it is the right of citizens to say what they like without interference from government. What the new clause seeks to defend, under this venerable title, is something rather different: it is the right of members of government, and other politicians, to say what they like without interruption by citizens. This change of meaning is not something that should be allowed to pass unnoticed.

To say that is not to deny that what the Government wishes to safeguard is indeed something worth preserving. It is desirable that there should be platforms from which political speakers, however unpopular, may address meetings in peace. No one who cares for our democratic traditions can read without disgust the reports of the outrageous treatment of Mr Powell last Friday.

But two questions remain. First, is it appropriate that the duty of providing specially secure political platforms should be placed uniquely on institutes of education? It might be thought that local authorities were in a better position to call upon the police forces necessary in these dark times to protect unpopular speakers. Universities commonly have only token security forces, and can ill afford to provide patrols for political gatherings.

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The June clause made it clear who were the persons to be

protected by universities, namely, members and duly invited speakers. The June clause made it clear from whom these persons were to be protected; namely, delinquent members, students or employees of the universities. Today's proposed clause leaves both these issues wide open. Instead of 'duly invited' speakers, 'visiting speakers' of all kinds are to be protected. Universities must protect them, not only against those subject to their discipline, but against all comers.

Moreover, what the universities must ensure is that 'the use of any premises of the establishment is not denied' to the persons and bodies protected. 'Denial of the use of premises' is a catch-all phrase which would cover anything from violent picketing by total outsiders to courteous refusal by the appropriate authority of permission for the use of a particular room.

Consider what this would mean in practice. Suppose the Moonies ask a college chaplain for permission to hold a missionary service in a college chapel. The chaplain refuses, because he regards the Moonies' beliefs as false and unchristian. He would be in breach of his duty, because he has denied the use of college premises to a body of persons on grounds connected with their beliefs.

Or suppose that a college head receives a letter from Mr Gerry Adams MP asking permission to use a seminar room for a meeting of Provisional Sinn Fein. If the head declines because the room is booked, he is untouched by the proposed legislation. If, however, he refuses permission because he dislikes the aims and methods of the Provisionals, then he violates the duty laid on him by the new clause. He has denied the use of 'premises of the establishment' to a body on grounds connected with its policy and objectives.

Does Parliament really wish to deprive university and college authorities of all discretion over the use of their premises for political purposes?

Academic freedom is something universities must protect if they are to fulfil their essential purpose. The protection of political platforms is a different matter, which should be secured by an overall national plan, not by an ill-thought-out clause tacked on to an Education Bill.

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moreover... Miles Kington

My own global village

Have you been watching the rip-roaring Monday night programme about the story of the English language? No? Well, don't worry - here is our special compilation of the story so far.

Long shot of England. Medium shot of part of England. Close-up of a grocer's shop. Enter a customer. Customer: Pint of milk, packet of kedgeree, pot of yoghurt and a bit of pâté and taramasalata, please. Cut to McNeil. McNeil: An English sentence but containing words of Indian, German, French and Greek origin, plus wherever yoghurt comes from. Had Britain remained a cut-off island over the years, that customer would have spoken very differently.

We see the customer enter again. This time he is wearing animal skins and carrying a stone club. Customer: Murr dung ug. Yugut. He beats the grocer over the head with the club and takes all the groceries he needs. Cut to Robert McNeil at Buckingham Palace. McNeil: They call it the Queen's English, and certainly the Queen speaks a form of English. Cut to newspaper of the Queen. Queen: My husband and I... Cut to McNeil. McNeil: But there are many ways of saying the same thing. Cut to various people saying the same thing.

Australian: Me and my sheila... Salty female black American: Mah man and... Lawyer: I, the aforesaid, being duly and legally married to her who hereinafter shall be called the wedded partner... McNeil: All those forms of English can be understood readily, except when spoken by English lawyers. If pidgin English were the accepted language, instead of the Queen's English, the news headlines might now sound like this. Cut to pidgin newspaper. Newsreader: Big welcome hit news at 10. Big fellow, White House, him say velly solly about Iceland. Next time. OK, maybe, maybe not. And after him fellow short break, we see budgeger who drive bus, chop chop. McNeil (fourthly Sydney Opera House): Budgeger, of course, is an Australian word. Yet 300 years ago nobody in Australia spoke English. They still don't today. Cut to stage of Opera House, where a soprano is singing in Italian. McNeil: Well, I'm sure you get the

point. Australians 'still speak a form of language derived from Scottish ancestors who were driven here by the clearances. Cut to the Scottish Highlands, where a man in a kilt is being cleared out.

Highlander: Yer flaming pom, just wait till ah hit ye wi' ma billyog, Meats. McNeil (at gate of Anne Hathaway's cottage): Perhaps the picture becomes clearer if we imagine what Shakespeare would sound like if he had been an Asian immigrant, speaking English as a second language.

Sir Laurence Olivier: To be or not to be, oh dear, that is the question all right, whether I am facing the slings of outrageous fortune, my goodness, yes, not to mention the arrows... Cut to the playing fields of Eton. McNeil: You know what they say about the Battle of Waterloo. Cut to scene of Waterloo. McNeil: But, of course, most of the troops under Wellington's command had not only not been to Eton, they didn't understand English either.

Wellington: Charge! 1st German soldier: Was sagt er eigentlich? 2nd German soldier: Ich weiss gar nicht. McNeil: Er sagt, vorwärts! German soldiers: Oh, thanks, mate. They charge and win the Battle of Waterloo. McNeil: And so the general picture begins to emerge. Not only was Napoleon defeated at Eton, but the chance intervention of a Canadian TV commentator, but the English language spread throughout the world in the wake of the British Empire, until a man from India could understand a man from New York. Cut to shop in New York. Enter a Sikh. Sikh: A pot of yoghurt and a pint of milk, please. Shopkeeper: No comprendo hombre. He points to a sign saying *Se Habla Español*.

McNeil: So there you have it. If you've followed what I've been saying, you probably talk English not only that, but you've got an IQ of over 160. Next week we'll be going to Jersey to study Norman cats and to bank the proceeds of this series. Till then - aloha und auf Wiedersehen! Credits: end-titles and sub-titles.

Farewell to the gentle giant of Congress

Washington The rumpled, shaggy, enormous Thomas O'Neill, the poker-playing, florid, silver-haired Speaker of the House of Representatives, has gone home to Massachusetts to retire. Most of Congress has never known any other Speaker.

This plain and simple man, whose rambling, passionate dialogue is usually totally incomprehensible, restated the Speakership by his own enormous personality and a devilish sense of parliamentary timing. 'Tip', as everyone knows him, could not bear the final hours of the House session before it went into recess on Saturday, so he handed over the chair to a stand-in, shook numerous hands, posed with several Congressmen who had brought their children to meet this much-storied legend, said goodbye to the television crews who had hounded him for the past fortnight, and went off to see Millie, his wife of 44 years.

The next Congress will be the first in 34 years to be without Tip O'Neill. The tributes have carried one common theme - that the powerful position of Speaker has

not made him forget his roots. He is not a rich man. By the standards of most members of Congress he is positively poor. He has fought to preserve the bedrock principles of the Democratic Party, a fiercely partisan man battling for the underdog.

In the past five years, while President Reagan has preached a gospel of optimism, O'Neill has protested that millions of Americans do not share in the bounty. He believes the Reagan years have produced a period of hatred between the well-off and the poor. Such talk has sounded out of tune with America's new-found sense of buoyancy, and it has seemed more and more that his time had passed, that the Democrats did not want to be led into the next decade by a cigar-chomping old-style liberal who talked romantically about the working class.

Although he operates best in what he himself called 'smoke-filled, backroom politics', television - which he introduced into the chamber - thrust him into the heart of Congressional battles with the White House. More than any

time in American politics the Speaker has been drawn into deeply personal battles with the president, bringing both humiliation and triumph. It is no secret in Washington that O'Neill cannot abide Reagan, whom he regards as the worst-informed president among the eight he has known. 'But,' he says, 'he's great with the media.'

Rule changes in the 1970s gave O'Neill, who succeeded Carl Albert as Speaker in 1977, more institutional power than any Speaker this century. At times the power seemed to frighten him. He could, had he chosen, have greatly influenced policy through his power to hand out committee assignments. Rather than institutional authority, he sought to use personal authority in those smoky back rooms.

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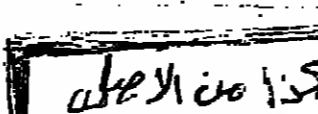
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MR MACHEL'S LEGACY

Following the sudden death of President Samora Machel of Mozambique in an air crash on South African territory...

Nonetheless had cause to love the Marxist leader who in ten years had embraced Moscow, then half turned his back on it...

They failed to rescue Mozambique from the cumulative effects of Portugal's precipitate flight...

The Accord between Pretoria and its Marxist neighbour took both the world and some of South Africa's own...

top generals by surprise. For President Botha it was the crowning achievement of his "thump and talk" strategy...

In the event, it achieved little. South Africa managed to keep trains running to Maputo...

Yet the Accord survived until the discovery last year of documents which showed that elements within the South African defence force had continued to drop supplies...

Which inevitably raises the question whether Pretoria stands to gain or lose by Machel's death.

great deal more complex than its support for Jonas Savimbi's Unita movement in Angola.

Renamo's warlords, however, seem not to enjoy great popular support. They appear to lack both a coherent political philosophy and strategy for government.

Until his death Machel succeeded in keeping his government together. In the vacuum he leaves, Renamo could seize power, thus saddling Pretoria with a war-torn client state.

The first scenario spells even greater chaos in Mozambique. The second would be a disaster for the whole sub-continent.

EXPLOITING RACE

It is a common and dangerous fallacy to suppose that what is funny must be harmless - a way of thinking which is to the advantage of the destructive left.

We are tempted to smile all this off as the kind of lunacy which appointed the "nuclear-free zone co-ordinator" in the London Borough of Brent...

But, of course, it is not funny at all, especially in Brent. For that leftist borough is in many senses a pathfinder in the use of public funds for political purposes...

From the beginning of January, the Home Office has agreed to fund 169 new teaching posts, under Section 11 of the Local Government Act, 1966...

The new Brent appointments, therefore, are under suspicion of amounting to planting in schools the agents of the local authority who will have power to intervene anywhere in the curriculum...

stirred up among decent white people who resent the accusation of racism and the demand that racial disadvantage should be overcome...

The Home Office, however, insists that the jobs it has agreed to finance are genuine teaching jobs. The point is stressed that the Home Office refused to continue funding the teaching generalists...

But the Home Office cannot assume that this will necessarily be so. It is said that the jobs will be monitored. How this can be done effectively is anyone's guess...

POWER POLITICS IN HONG KONG

The royal yacht Britannia may have evaded Typhoon Ellen, but in Hong Kong today it sails into a political storm of rather more consequence.

The immediate issue is the as yet unbuilt Daya Bay nuclear generating plant just across the border in Guangdong province...

One million residents of Hong Kong had signed a petition demanding that the Daya Bay project be cancelled or reconsidered.

While the Queen was touring Shanghai last week, Hong Kong's normally sedate legislative chamber witnessed five hours of table-thumping including onslaughts on the Governor, Sir Edward Youde.

that the Financial Secretary, Mr Piers Jacobs, was compelled to make a long speech promising to disclose secret industrial and safety information relating to Daya Bay.

The need for what Whitehall terms "convergence" between the Chinese and British sides during the run-up to 1997 lay behind the remarks of Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe in Hong Kong on October 12...

This has been true enough for decades. But it is no longer certain. Respectable voices are being raised in Hong Kong demanding direct elections to the legislative council...

This is why the Daya Bay issue is worth watching, why the Financial Secretary gave way on disclosure, and why an unexpected coalition is forming...

ing - far more effective than the one million signature petition.

China could still score a public relations triumph by postponing the project for a respectable period while further safety checks are made in the wake of the Soviet nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

Residents in the colony, though not opposed to nuclear power in principle, have little confidence in Chinese safety standards. They are also aware of the Chinese inclination to cover up man-made disasters.

While the Queen was in China, the country's leaders never missed a chance to voice their satisfaction that Britain was not strewing obstacles in the path towards a peaceful transition in 1997.

SOME RIGHTS AND WRONGS AT RUSKIN

From Dr Stephen Howe and Mr Raphael Samuel

Sir, May we, as colleagues of David Selbourne at Ruskin College, respond to your leading article of October 16?

An unwary reader of your editorial would assume that David Selbourne had been sacked from our college for writing an article in The Times.

The students then attempted to impose a boycott of David's tutorials and lectures. He demanded that the college transfer all David's students to other tutors.

Some of David's students, though disagreeing strongly with David's action in relation to The Times, chose to stay with him. Others concluded that they could not "in conscience" work with David...

DEBATE ON ULSTER

From Sir Adam Butler, MP for Baschurch (Conservative)

Sir, Mr John D. Taylor writes (October 11) that Ulster Unionists feel let down by the Conservatives over their attitude to the Anglo-Irish Agreement...

I must tell my friend John Taylor that many Tories feel just as let down by Unionist MPs who have signally failed to use existing democratic machinery to argue their case by refusing to participate fully in the parliamentary process.

Not only does this mean a denial of proper parliamentary representation to their constituents, but such behaviour also imposes an unnecessarily heavy burden on the RUC...

GPs' productivity

From Mrs J. M. Williams

Sir, In private medical practice there is a work-related element in the remuneration of both consultants and GPs.

Both as taxpayer and patient I would be reassured that waiting lists were as short as consultants could achieve if their remuneration too was linked to, e.g., the number of new patients seen per contracted session...

Fine-art cutbacks

From Mrs S. Coode-Adams

Sir, So far the defence for the retention of fine-art courses has been led by artists, lecturers and principals of art colleges.

We are a new firm, buying works of art for offices. In our first 18 months we have been asked to buy over £200,000 worth of contemporary painting for clients.

As the fine art is relegated to the lowest place in art college priorities, numbers of students are cut and fewer artists produced, it might be remembered that there is a huge and increasing demand for the products of these courses, namely paintings and sculptures.

Turn of the tide

From Lord Howe of Troon

Sir, Last Saturday's letter (October 11) from RIBA president, Larry Rolland, extolled the striking Foster Rogers Stirling show, as he called it, at the Royal Academy...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

way undermine his position in college.

We were not successful in getting the boycott of David's lectures rescinded, though we sent a member of staff to offer him symbolic support.

We believed then, and believe now, that it was possible to safeguard, on the one hand, David Selbourne's right to speak where and what he chose...

Deep and apparently irreconcilable loyalties were involved in this dispute: on the one hand, Ruskin's organic relationship to the Labour and trade union movement...

It was our belief that the dispute could be settled in a spirit of give and take, recognising the rights and privileges of both sides.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement was endorsed by the House of Commons by one of the largest majorities in this century.

A bishop's choice

From Sir Frank Pearson

Sir, I find the apology of the Bishop of Kingston upon Thames in your issue of October 11 somewhat disturbing.

Anyone who holds a position of authority in any organisation, whether it be lay or clerical, is often faced with the very problems of conscience which the bishop gives as his justification for his behaviour at Church House...

Legal difficulty

From Mr J. J. O'Donnell

Sir, Much has been reported in your pages about the Crown Prosecution Service and included in the voices raised are those complaining about the level of remuneration enjoyed by entrants to the service.

For the last two months we have been attempting to secure the services of an assistant solicitor without a single response.

By its very nature criminal work is usually legally aided work. Presumably, if the Government can find the resources to fund the prosecution process then it will also be able to find the resources to properly fund those defending individuals appearing before the courts.

Alternately the Government might continue to expect other areas of a legal practice to subsidize the criminal work...

Yours faithfully, J. J. O'DONNELL, Lee, Braintree & Co. Solicitors, 1 Cross Street, Preston, Lancashire.

Collision course

From Mr John Coates and Mr John Morrison

Sir, Your correspondent, Rupert D. H. Bursell (October 17), has missed a point. In our trireme mathematicians and classicists are literally (as well as metaphorically) in the same boat.

Yours faithfully, JOHN COATES, JOHN MORRISON, Granthams, Great Shelford, Cambridge.

CAUSE OF SOVIET FEARS ON SDI

From Professor R.V. Jones, FRS

Sir, Russian objections to the strategic defence initiative have several possible explanations.

The Russians may fear that they will find it hard to match, technologically or economically, American advances in military space technology.

Moreover, such satellites, if armed with high-power lasers, might also be capable of igniting targets on the ground.

Such an objection would not hold against that part of SDI which is directed to defence against the terminal phase, which would be ground-based and operated only over or near American territory...

Sale of vicarages

From the Reverend Canon J. D. Beckwith

Sir, Whilst sympathising with the Archdeacon of Exeter's dilemma (October 7) in assessing and coping with the problems of "large" vicarages, the approach he suggests to their resolution seems sadly myopic.

For about 1,000 years the person's house in England has been not only his home but also his study.

LATER

"A telegram just received, 10.30, at Plymouth from Liverpool office, Chan Line, directed to officer in charge of survivors, announces that six in charge of captain and the small lifeboat have been picked up..."

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 21 1981

The steamship, Clan Macduff, left Liverpool carrying valuable cargo, mostly Manchester goods, and 19 passengers bound for Bombay. In the Irish Sea wind and sea increased and the vessel was swept by tremendous waves.

DISASTERS AT SEA

Our Plymouth Correspondent telegraphed last night:

At 1 o'clock there were six feet of water in the engine-room and stokehole. The captain recognized that the vessel was doomed to founder, and gave the order to get out the six boats.

They could therefore reasonably object, just as the Americans could if SDI had been proposed from the other side.

What is not so far clear from Press reports is whether the Russians object to the SDI package in entirety, or whether they would withdraw objections to those parts of the initiative which are free from suspicion of being adaptable to immediately offensive purposes.

If they would be so prepared, some compromise might be reached that would enable the Reykjavik arms limitation proposals to be fruitfully pursued, and the world would have a better understanding of both the American and the Russian positions.

Yours faithfully, R.V. JONES, 8 Queen's Terrace, Aberdeen, Scotland.

There are still some clergy who, knowing the problems associated with larger houses and small vicarages, are still willing to cope with them, not only to facilitate their working conditions but also in order to respond to the yearnings of their multi-parish cures who now have to share one incumbent.

Yours faithfully, JOHN D. BECKWITH, St Anne's Vicarage, 106 Highgate West Hill, N6.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

BIRTHS

... On 16th October, to Jack and Janet...

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Pressure on MoD for reply on race

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence has until today to comply with a demand made by the powerful Commons defence select committee in early July for details of ethnic minority representation in the armed forces.

Failure by the MoD to send even a holding memorandum would further exacerbate relations with the committee, which at a private meeting tomorrow will discuss what some members consider the deeply unsatisfactory manner and content of the MoD's reply earlier this month to its damning report on the Westland affair.

High on the agenda will be the Government's declared intention in that reply to curb select committee powers by instructing civil servants not to answer questions about their own or colleagues' behaviour. This has been described by one MP as "preposterous and unconstitutional". But members are also annoyed at other aspects of the reply — not least the method of releasing it. The MoD breached convention by giving the committee clerks no advance warning of publication despite their requests, and this is seen as a deliberate snub and discourtesy.

The reply was also considered to be extremely brief in view of the work put in by the committee, and to have failed to have answered many of the questions posed.

The committee's request for details of ethnic minority representation in certain units, and of recruitment and promotion policies, represents another thorn in the flesh of the MoD, which had no machinery for ethnic monitoring.

The committee took the view that statistical information was necessary to prove that, and called for figures by the time MPs returned from the summer recess today.

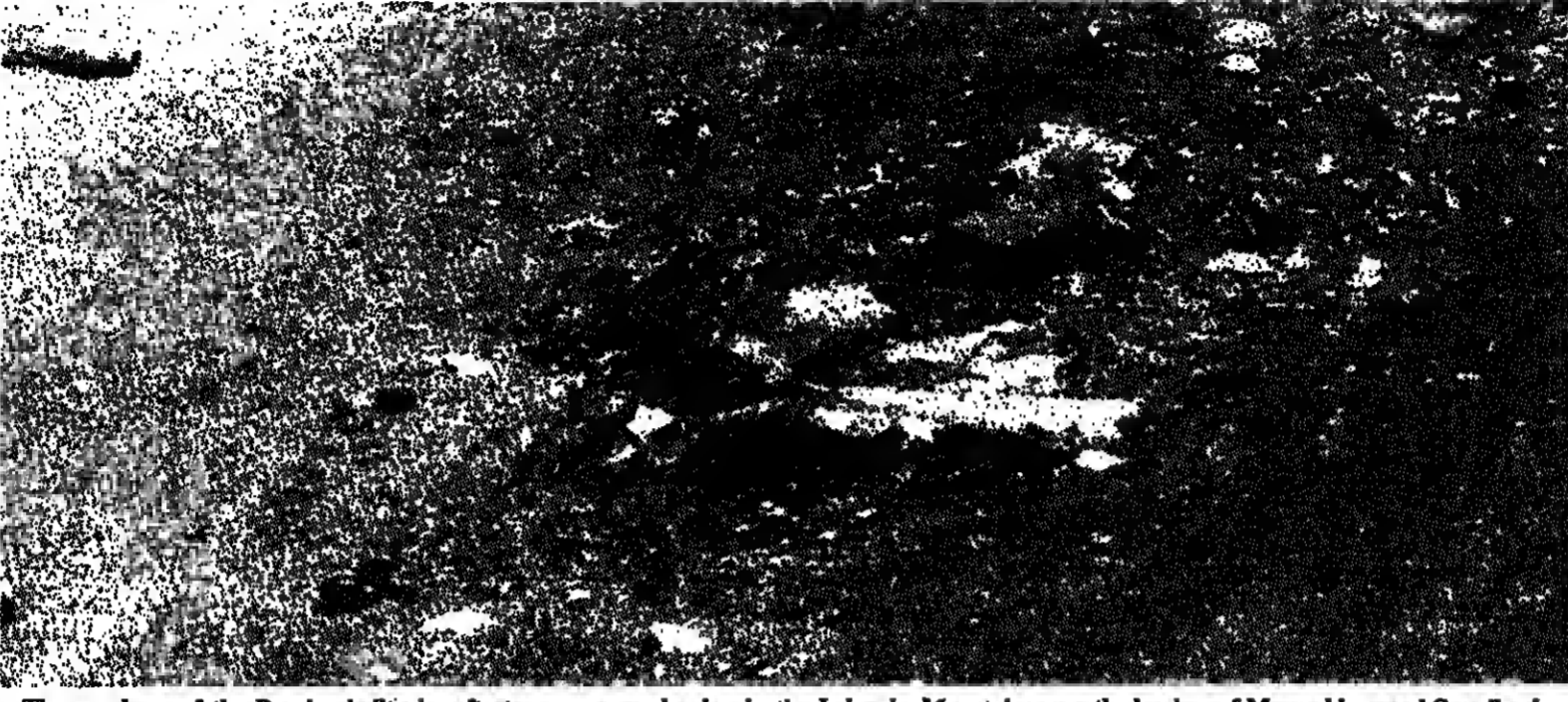
Third case of meningitis

Another case of meningitis has been reported in Gloucestershire — the third in a week.

A man aged 25 from the Tuffley area of Gloucester is "comfortable" in hospital. The two other patients are recovering.



The South African Foreign Minister, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, third from left, and Pretoria officials arriving in Komatiport to see the crashed aircraft.



The wreckage of the Russian-built aircraft strewn over a clearing in the Lebombo Mountains near the borders of Mozambique and Swaziland.

Ulster policy reviewed as unrest increases

By Richard Ford

A "mini-Cabinet" meeting of all Northern Ireland ministers yesterday reviewed Government policies and the outlook for the weeks leading to the first anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Departmental business and individual problems ministers were having were discussed before the resumption of Parliamentary business at Westminster.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland,

Machel leaves region in turmoil

Continued from page 1

can leader appears to be in the minds of the South African generals.

He quoted a statement earlier this month by General Magnus Malan, the South African Defence Minister, in which he said President Machel "appears to have lost control of the situation" and that if he "chooses terrorism and revolution" then South Africa would act accordingly.

Pretoria blamed a recent border explosion, which killed six South African soldiers, on guerrillas of the outlawed African National Congress

Letter from Moscow

Vigilantes meting out rough justice

Scores of self-styled vigilante groups are being formed by young people in cities throughout the Soviet Union to mete out rough justice to drug pushers, black marketeers, corrupt officials and others the organisers claim are not being dealt with effectively by the police force.

Gibraltar may spark dispute at Olympics

It refused to allow competitors from Gibraltar to use their national flag.

A compromise was reached at the last minute with all the nations carrying name boards instead of flags.

Today's events

Royal engagements
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother says the foundation stone of the new library at Dundee University, 11.30; and opens the Tayside Scanner Unit, Ninewells Hospital, 3.
The Princess of Wales opens the new "Discovery and Sea Power" Gallery, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 11.45.
The Duke and Duchess of

TV top ten

- National top ten television programmes in the week ending October 12:
- 1 EastEnders (Thurs/Sat) 21.40m
- 2 News (Sat 20.00) 17.12m
- 3 Twenty Years of the Two Frontiers 15.00m
- 4 Open All Hours 13.50m
- 5 Howards Way 12.80m
- 6 Darts 12.35m
- 7 The Runaway Train (Sat. C. Scot) 11.85m
- 8 The Bus Stop 11.70m
- 9 Brush Strokes 10.75m

Roads

The Midlands: M1: Contraflow between junctions 27 and 28 (A508/A38); also the northbound entry and southbound exit slip roads at junction 27 are closed. M5: Various lane closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Birmingham/M50). A45: Contraflow at Stowmarket, Suffolk.
Wales and West: M6: Eastbound carriageway closed for resurfacing between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon to Chippenham); contraflow westbound. A36: Contraflow on the approach to the M4/M25 junction, reduced to single line roundabout between Exeter and Launceston. A35: Resurfacing means lane closures on the eastbound carriageway.
The North: M6: Major roadworks with various lane closures on both carriageways between junctions 16 (A500) and 17 (A534). M62: Contraflow just E of junction 33 (A1), W Works. A56: Manchester Rd, Timpersley, reduced to single line traffic at the junction with Woodcote Rd.
Scotland: M74: Contraflow on the northbound carriageway between junction 4 (Hamilton) and the Botwell service area. A9: Construction of interchange with A85; inside lane closed on both carriageways on the Perth Western bypass. A73: Single line traffic N of Ainslie, Lanarkshire, with temporary lights.

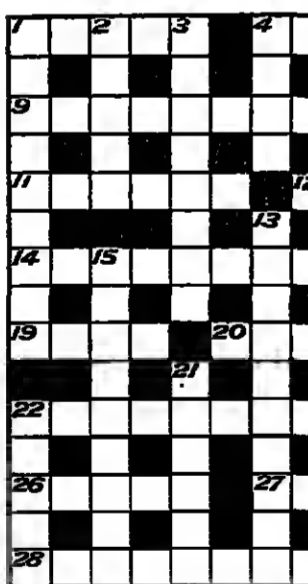
Weather forecast

A strong W airflow covers the British Isles. A developing wave on the S of the country will sweep across the S during the day.

High Tides

Location	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.34	6.3	4.42	6.5
Aberdeen	3.45	5.3	3.52	5.7
Belfast	1.22	3.3	1.29	3.3
Cardiff	6.41	8.1	6.48	8.1
Dover	1.19	3.4	1.19	3.4
Edinburgh	1.24	3.1	1.24	3.1
Glasgow	3.23	4.7	3.34	4.7
Hull	3.28	5.3	3.28	5.3
London	4.34	6.3	4.42	6.5
Liverpool	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Manchester	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Newcastle	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Nottingham	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Portsmouth	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Sheffield	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Southampton	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Swansea	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Wolverhampton	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1
Wrexham	1.29	3.1	1.29	3.1

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Music

Organ recital by Paul Hoyes: King's Hall, Newcastle University, 1.10.
Recital by Elizabeth Glenn (soprano) and Malcolm Archer (organ): Bristol Cathedral, 1.15.
Harpichord recital by Marisa Robles: St David's Hall, the Hayes, Cardiff, 7.30.
Piano recital by Thomas McIntosh (piano); De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill, 3.
Talks, lectures
Langdale January and July, by John White, 1.30; Lake District National Park Visitor Centre, Brockholes, Windermere, 1.30.
James McNeill Whistler: a butterfly in the drawing room, by Dr. Hilary Taylor; Reception Room, Willis Memorial Building, Bristol, 5.15.
Two eyes are better than one by Prof. David Pickwell; Bradford University, Lecture Theatre D4, Richmond Building, 5.30.
And So to Bath: Early travel, by S. Bird; Banqueting Room, Guildhall, Bath, 12.30.
The legal profession in the 1990's, by Robert Alexander, QC; Fielding Johnson Building, Leicester University, 6.30.
General
Bristol Festival for Children: The Art of Miniature; 2: Young Musicians Platform; 7: St. George's Music Trust, 9: Portland Sq, Bristol.

Anniversaries

Births: Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Ottery St Mary, Devon, 1772; Alphonse de Lamartine, poet and statesman, Macon, France, 1790; Alfred Nobel, inventor, industrialist and founder of the prizes bearing his name, Stockholm, 1833.
Deaths: Edmund Waller, poet, Beconsfield, Bucks, 1687; Horatio Nelson, killed at the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805; Jack Kerouac, poet and novelist, St Petersburg, Florida, 1969.
Aberfan disaster: 140 lives were lost when a coal slag tip engulfed a school and other buildings at Aberfan, Wales, 1966.

Lighting-up time

London: 6.26 pm to 7.05 am
Belfast: 6.28 pm to 7.05 am
Edinburgh: 6.28 pm to 7.28 am
Sheffield: 6.50 pm to 7.15 am
Penzance: 6.50 pm to 7.25 am

Around Britain

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London	7	11	13	15	7	11	13	15
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Belfast	4	11	13	15	4	11	13	15
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Wolverhampton	4	11	13	15	4	11	13	15
Wrexham	4	11	13	15	4	11	13	15

ACROSS

- 1 Ulysses's concision (5).
- 4 Delayed, Giles staggers in to pass Bill (9).
- 9 Does he succeed by will-power? (9).
- 10 Poetically under a Welsh town? (5).
- 11 Sombre at first and dark, but not in shadow (6).
- 12 Point in favour of antelope (8).
- 14 Jack takes the panish award in scientist's honour (5,5).
- 16 Attempt to wound (4).
- 17 Sort out remains of meal (4).
- 20 A nature ill-disposed and one-sided (10).
- 22 What a faithful wife, to run off with a writer? (8).
- 23 A bit of a rash politician, to be found in a stately home (6).
- 26 Pawnee relative? (5).
- 27 Ballet posture of Lincoln in square dance? (9).
- 28 Gruff maybe, finding butter behind the teapot (5,4).
- 29 Short melody from the "Messiah" (5).

DOWN

- 1 SOS! Lading is slipping and sliding about (9).
- 2 An envelope for Lady Grey (5).
- 3 After hill work, have a maize-cake (8).
- 4 Hearing impediment of Baltic statesman (4).
- 5 Ugly sister to French author has blue veins (10).
- 6 Lines my boy used for fishing (6).
- 7 Small research place in a plant for ornamental material (9).
- 8 Turn up information about hospital investment, say (5).
- 13 Hammers are used here to get impressive quiet (5,5).
- 15 Maybe a well-stocked garden is strange to Caliban (9).
- 17 Apollo's summerhouse? (9).
- 18 Dispatched to gather up mud from grating (8).
- 21 Dwarf pear, perhaps (6).
- 22 It sounds a well-paid position (5).
- 24 Nettle patrol has no end (5).
- 25 The intelligence to circumvent a delay (4).

The pound

Country	Bank	Rate
Australia	Bank	2.255
Austria	Bank	13.80
Belgium	Bank	62.80
Canada	Bank	2.06
Denmark	Bank	11.18
Finland	Bank	7.28
France	Bank	10.54
Germany	Bank	2.57
Greece	Bank	210.00
Italy	Bank	11.42
Ireland	Bank	1.095
Japan	Bank	230.00
Netherlands	Bank	3.365
Portugal	Bank	10.54
Spain	Bank	168.00
Sweden	Bank	10.25
Switzerland	Bank	2.44
USA	Bank	1.49
Yugoslavia	Bank	710.00

Portfolio Gold

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Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Education Bill, conclusion of remaining stages.
Lords (2.30): Public Order Bill, report stage.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1264.4 (-17.1) FT-SE 100 1590.2 (-19.8) Bargains 25980 USM (Datastream) 125.54 (+0.84) THE POUND US Dollar 1.4295 (-0.0025) W German mark 2.8418 (+0.0150) Trade-weighted 67.5 (+0.2)

Poehl comment eases pressure on dollar and pound

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor more regrettable that Britain had so far felt unable to join the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. In a gentle dig at the British authorities he added: "I appreciate the readiness of the British Government to join the exchange rate mechanism of the EMS - 'when the time



German words: Herr Poehl (left) with Dr Wolfgang Habel, head of the German Chamber of Commerce in Britain, and Mr Ian Stewart, Economic Secretary to the Treasury

Heath spurns bid by PWS

By Alison Eadie PWS International, the fast growing and ambitious Lloyd's broker headed by Mr Ronnie Ben-Zur, yesterday launched a £184.1 million bid for its fellow broker, C E Heath.

Opec pact expected

Most of Opec's oil ministers expect a final new agreement of output quotas will be reached today in Geneva. The pessimists among the 13 ministers include Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, who said yesterday: "It doesn't look that good".

Shop sales surge to new records

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent Retail sales rose to new highs last month, although the increase was smaller than analysts had expected. Sales volume rose by 0.2 per cent after a 1.4 per cent rise in August.



Lord Barber: delays in finding a successor Lord Barber to retire

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent Standard Chartered Bank, the international banking group, announced yesterday that Lord Barber would be retiring as chairman at the annual meeting next May. He will be succeeded by Mr Peter Graham, senior deputy chairman, who has been with the bank for 36 years and has extensive Far Eastern experience.

Merrill move

Merrill Lynch Europe has appointed Mr Michael Witt as European equity market strategist and manager of European research. Mr Witt has been with Chase Manhattan, where he was chief international investment officer.

Hanson buy

Hanson Trust has agreed to sell Clearing Inc, manufacturers of hydraulic and mechanical presses, to Hitachi Zosen Corp of Japan for \$64 million. Payment will be 40 per cent in cash and 60 per cent in short-term notes.

Retail dispute

Uncertainties over the intentions of House of Fraser have caused the Church Commissioners to pull out of the agreement with Fraser over taking 75,000 sq ft of space in the Church's Tower Ramparts retail development in Ipswich, Suffolk.

£150m plan

Exeter Park Estates, the London property company chaired by Mr David Pickford, the former chairman of Haslemere Estates, plans a £150 million, 238-acre retail, leisure and business park development next to Exeter Airport.

£11m offer

Ranger Oil (UK), the British operating subsidiary of Ranger Oil, is offering 45p cash for each Berkeley Exploration share. The offer values Berkeley at £10.98 million.

£5.3bn mortgage record

Lending for house purchases surged to a new high of £5.3 billion in the second quarter of this year, according to figures from the Bank of England yesterday. This was £1.3 billion up on the first quarter and £1 billion above the previous quarterly high.

DoE to pay half of study

The Department of Energy is to meet half of the £800,000 cost of a feasibility study into building a barrage across the mouth of the Mersey, which could potentially provide 0.5 per cent of the country's energy needs.

James Capel captures City's broker research title again

By Lawrence Lever James Capel has substantially increased its lead as the City's choice broker for research, according to the Extel Ranking of UK Investment Analysts, published today.

Maxwell stake

Norton Opax's £151.7 million final bid for McCordqudale closes tomorrow at 1pm, although Opax can extend. Opax shares yesterday rose 5p to 148p and McCordqudale's eased 5p to 263p.

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Table with 2 columns: Main Price Changes, Gold. Includes RISES: Federation Housing, etc.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Markets, North Sea Oil. Includes New York, Tokyo, etc.

Highland's mushroom project

By Cliff Feitham Highland Distilleries, the Famous Grouse whisky group, is setting up a new business - growing mushrooms. About £500,000 is being spent on equipping an unwanted five-storey warehouse in Glasgow where the company is aiming to produce up to 300 tons of mushrooms a year which will be sold to supermarkets in Scotland.

Eurotunnel trusts in placing success

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent Financing for the £4.7 billion Channel Tunnel moved ahead last night with the issue of the final prospectus for a £206 million international private placing. Financial advisers to Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French partnership chosen to build the cross-Channel link, said they were confident the placing would be fully subscribed by Friday's deadline.

Merger terms agreed by Davidson and CPM

By Our City Staff Davidson Pearce Group, the advertising agency, yesterday announced that it had agreed terms for a merger with Counter Products Marketing, the USM-quoted sales promotion and advertising company. The merger is being brought about through an agreed share offer for CPM, valuing it at £11.75 million. The deal will increase Davidson's market capitalization from £20 million to £31.65 million.

Buying your next house should be plain sailing.

Advertisement for John Charcol Independent Mortgage Brokers. Text includes: 'You've done it before, so you know the ropes. And you have the priceless advantage of the equity built up in your present home.' Includes contact information for Mercury House, 195 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RE.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Indexes drop on interest rate fears

By Michael Clark

Shares prices were in ragged retreat yesterday after being caught in a pincer movement of higher interest rate fears and news of sharp falls during early trading on Wall Street.

The FT index of 30 shares started the day cautiously following bearish comment on the economy at the weekend and drifted steadily throughout the day as the new marketmakers took advantage of the quiet conditions to balance their books in preparation for next week's big bang.

The broader-based FT-SE 100, which managed a 4.5 rise in early trading, dipped below the 1600 level, to close 19.8 points down at 1,590.2.

The news from New York, which saw the Dow Jones industrial average opened 32 points lower, caught many dealers on the hop. Dealers blamed another wave of computerized selling for the early shakeout, with declines leading advances by three to one.

This was prompted by renewed weakness in the US bond market where there are growing fears that interest rates are set to rise.

The prospect of dearer money was also taking its toll in London. Last week's speech by the Chancellor at the Lord Mayor's banquet has done little to calm fears. Dealers are now worried that another 1 per cent rise in interest rates to 12 per cent may be necessary to halt the slide in the pound

on the foreign exchanges. But the pressure on three-month money was a little easier on the money market, with rates closing a touch easier on the day.

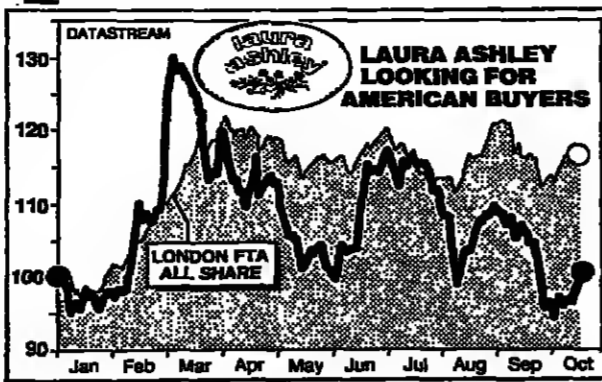
Government securities spent another nervous day, but managed to achieve earlier losses of £1 at the longer end of the market on hopes that the Opec oil ministers' meeting in Geneva was about to reach agreement on production levels.

Blue chips were marked lower with Allied Lyons down 7p at 298p, ICI 8p at £10.99 and Tate & Lyle 7p at 563p.

Among food retailers, Dees Corporation, the Fine Fare and International Stores group, slipped 3p to 215p, awaiting the outcome of a meeting between Mr Alec Monk, the chairman, and various Scottish food managers at a seminar in Edinburgh.

Laura Ashley, the clothing and home furnishings group, firmed 5p to 190p, amid hopes that the group will be able to revive the flagging fortunes of its highly-rated share price.

Last week, Mr Bernard Ashley, the chairman, with the group's financial advisers,



new to New York for the start of a roadshow, aimed at attracting the support of US fund managers.

The group came to market last November at 135p following an offer for sale of 46.5 million shares which was 34 times oversubscribed and attracted £2 billion. The shares opened at 193p in first-time dealings before hitting a peak of 240p. But recently they have lost some of their early impetus and bit a low of 171p after a disappointing set of interim figures earlier this month showing pretax profits up by only 14 per cent at £8.7 million.

The shares are already traded in New York where the group enjoys the facilities of an American Depository Receipt. Laura Ashley already has 90 shares in the US, which now accounts for about 42 per cent of profits. At the last year, there were more than 1,000 American shareholders on the register, but the group is keen to increase that number and is hoping to attract more private investors.

Sears enjoyed another early burst of activity, still excited by the news that Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, had built up a stake and the talk of a possible consortium bid. But after hitting 133.5p, the shares soon ran out of steam and closed unchanged at 128p.

When it went public in 1980, the group was capitalised at less than £8 million. Since then, pretax profits have soared from £1.7 million to £75 million and the group is now valued at almost £700 million. The shares fell 8p to 120p.

McCorquodale, the specialist printer, slipped 5p to 263p after Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher of The Daily Mirror,

arranged a placing of 2.3 million shares at 95p.

Rotunda, which boasts British Gas, Marks and Spencer, Ford, Rover Group, British Telecom, British Home Stores and the Ministry of Defence, among its customers, is forecasting pretax profits of £875,000 for 1986.

Amstrad, the fast-growing consumer electronics group, ran into a few nervous sellers following last week's strong run because of fears that its new IBM-compatible personal computer had run into problems. Weekend reports claimed that ICI had dropped plans to buy a large number of the machines, launched last month, following evaluation tests. Analysts have been looking for the new PC 1512 to

confirmed that he had been adding to his holding. On Friday, he bought an extra 375,000 shares, taking his stake to 5.32 million shares, or 10.4 per cent of the total.

McCorquodale is fighting an unwanted £145 million bid from rival Norton Opax and the recent merger talks with Exel, the news agency and financial information publisher, ended in failure.

CE Heath, the troubled insurance broker, leapt 85p to 565p first thing, following confirmation of a £190 million offer from its smaller rival, FWS Holdings. FWS is offering four of its own shares, plus three new convertible preferred shares, for every four Heath shares. The bid values Heath at 605p a share. Only last week, Heath announced it was in merger talks with Fielding Insurance, a subsidiary of Hambros.

PWS finished 20p lower at 315p, but news of the bid attracted support for other 1700ers. Misset Holdings jumped 12p to 255p and Steel Barrill Jones 10p to 229p.

Big news was also good for Berkeley Exploration, the USM-quoted oil and gas exploration group, 8p higher at 46p. Ranger Oil has already bought 5 million shares (20.9 per cent) and is now offering 45p in cash for the rest. The deal values Berkeley at £10.98 million. The market seemed impressed with the deal and marked Ranger 17p higher at 205p.

Reports that Bosch, the West German industrial group, was building up a sizeable stake lifted Lee Refrigeration 20p to 258p. Dealers are hoping that it may be the prelude to a full bid.

WALL STREET Selling knocks Dow

New York (Reuters) - After five consecutive sessions of rises, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped by 32.49 points to 1,604.45 in early trading yesterday. Shares were hit by a combination of weaker bond prices and "sell" programmes.

One trader reported there were not a lot of buyers, but that the selling had calmed down. The number of falling

issues outnumbered rising ones by more than three to one on a volume of 35 million shares.

Transworld gained 1 1/2 to 33 1/2. Lucky Stores, which said that its board will meet next week to discuss Mr Asher Edelman's offer for the company, slipped by 1/4 to 34 1/2.

Last week, the Dow average ended with a gain of almost 44 points.

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Li loses 'insider' court case Clark gives warning on Gatt talks

From Stephen Leather Hong Kong.

Mr Li Ka-shing, one of Hong Kong's richest businessmen, yesterday learned he had lost a court battle to clear his name of insider dealing charges.

Mr Li Ka-shing, chairman of Hutchison Whampoa, had gone to the Crown Colony's High Court to try to overturn the findings of an Insider Dealing Tribunal, which branded him and four of his directors as Hong Kong's first culpable insider dealers.

Mr Li - who recently took a 4.9 per cent stake in the Financial Times publisher Pearson - vehemently denied the accusations.

Although insider trading is not a crime in Hong Kong, being labelled an insider dealer is a great source of anger to Mr Li, according to one of his fellow directors.

Lawyers were flown in from London to fight his case during a six-day court hearing.

The tribunal's report said Mr Li, who is also chairman of Cheung Kong Holdings, and Cheung Kong directors Mr Chow Chin-wo, Mr George Magnus, Mr Albert Chow and Mr George Zang, were culpable of insider dealing when a Cheung Kong subsidiary, Starpac, sold 55,634,000 International City Holdings shares between January 16 and March 1 1984.

By Teresa Poole Business Correspondent

Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, yesterday gave a warning that disturbing trends in world trade would continue to cast shadows over the new round of Gatt talks.

"The gap between the honours we all pay to the ideals of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and the actual practice, is already huge and appears to be growing. No country has been innocent in the growth of the so-called new protectionism," he said.

The cumulative effect of special measures contrary to the Gatt had now built up almost to breaking point with the most recent and obvious example the US-Japan agreement on semiconductor sales.

At the Gatt negotiations in Punta Del Este, Uruguay, where the new round was launched, the US had used its big influence to push through a final declaration which met all its goals. This time its support was welcome but in other contexts, particularly the most recent Japanese trade restrictions, it could be in direct conflict with Community interests, he said.

Similarly, Japan had blocked a Gatt proposal for a final declaration referring to more equitable balance of benefits between Gatt parties.

COMPANY NEWS

COMBINED ENGLISH STORES: The offer to shareholders in connection with the acquisition of the retailing subsidiaries of Time Products and the acquisition of Summits has closed. Applications were received for 1.99 million of the 103 million shares which had been placed by Samuel Montagu and Hoare Govett and then offered to shareholders. These applications will be satisfied in full. Mr Murray Gordon, the chairman, reports that CES continues to trade well.

GOODHEAD PRINT GROUP: A group subsidiary, Goodhead Publishing, has bought W H Y Publications for £720,000, satisfied by the issue of 100,000 shares. W H Y has three weekly advertising publications, totalling more than 115,000 copies weekly. A wholly-owned subsidiary, W H Y Press, prints the publications and gives the Goodhead print division extra capacity.

GLOBAL GROUP: Total dividend 2.75p (2.25p) for the year to May 31st, turnover £34.81 million (£26.57 million). Pretax profit £379,000 (£312,000). Earnings per share 4.5p (4.1p).

DAVIES & NEWMAN HOLDINGS: Interim payment unchanged at 3p for the first half of 1986. Turnover £131.82 million (£123.26 million). Pretax loss £3.48 million (£3.57 million). Loss per share 31.6p (29.9p).

J O WALKER: Interim dividend doubled to 2p for the six months to 30/6/86. Turnover £5.93 million (£5.49 million). Pretax profit £507,000 (£360,108). Earnings per share 2.6p (7.1p loss).

SOUTHERN BUSINESS GROUP: A group subsidiary, Printing Machines (Holdings), a 50 per cent-owned associate, has bought the London branch of Lincote Office Equipment for about £200,000. The London branch, which trades as Danwood, supplies Sharp and Ricoh photocopiers to an installed machine base of over 500 customers. This acquisition has resulted in the group's installation base increasing by 75 per cent in the last 12 months.

JOHN J LEES: Half-year to Sept. 30. Turnover £2.38 million (£1.81 million). Pretax profit £213,300 (£100,951). Earnings per share 6.45p (3.62p).

USHER-WALKER: First half of 1986. Interim dividend 2.45p (2.2p). Turnover £5.53 million (£5.23 million). Pretax profit £325,000 (£346,000). Earnings per share 8.36p (8.24p).

IRISH ROPES: Shareholders have opted to take 405,000 new shares in the recent placing. Institutions took 2.1 million of the total of 2.5 million. This £2 million placing was designed to give existing holders the right to subscribe for up to 625,000 shares and their response exceeded the company's expectations.

BROWN INVESTMENT: The company has acquired the Shopping Sense direct mail-order business for an initial £50,000 cash and a further £50,000 payable next year.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares marked lower

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

Fingers crossed in anticipation

The computer industry may have been performing its act to British customers for more than a decade, but its most important performance yet opens next week in the City of London as it plays the lead role in the Big Bang.

Next Monday sees the start of the financial deregulation of the City when the distinctions between old stock exchange jobs like jobber and broker disappear and all agreements about minimum commissions for stock buying and selling evaporate along with them.

It is also a time when all the computers which will drive

THE WEEK

By Geoff Wheelwright

the new, deregulated and more competitive stock market will kick into service — and must perform perfectly from the first day with the possibility of huge financial loss if there are serious problems.

Extensive rehearsals have been underway in the past week to ensure that systems like the Stock Exchange Automated Quotation Service (SEAQ) will not embarrass either their users or programmers on opening night.

SEAQ, an electronic information and communications service that collects and displays information needed to trade in equities, will be one of the key tools for the new breed of market makers.

It will provide constantly-updated quotations on the buying and selling of stocks by all the major players through



the exchange — allowing investors electronically to "shop around" to get the best possible rates.

By conventional computer programming standards SEAQ was a rush-job — given the delays in the government deciding to go ahead with Big Bang, which only took place in 1983, and the time it took to confirm the plan to base SEAQ on the existing Topic viewdata systems at the exchange. The system was completed in July of this year.

So far it has been the business of dress rehearsals to simulate what real-life trading

trading will be like that has proved most problematic.

Like the complex systems used to control missiles or send space ships to the moon, the big fault-tolerant computers that will drive the City's trading revolution will only get their real test when they are put under the pressure of heavy, high-volume daily use.

While the City should reasonably be able to expect a good level of service from the computer systems it has been installing, the fact of that matter is that they are not infallible.

Some in the computer industry worry that companies

installing the new equipment will expect too much, too soon. Doug Gimmel, managing director of the British fault-tolerant computer manufacturer ITL, suggests that some City firms have waited too long to choose their Big Bang computer systems — and so have made choices without entirely knowing what they were doing.



Out with the old: Eddie Pelc, above, will be keeping a watchful eye on the Stock Exchange next Monday. Seconded from the Hoskyns Group for the past 12 months, he is responsible for planning the installation of the new trading systems on the floor. Working through nights and weekends, to avoid disrupting the daily business of the Exchange, he has been acting as liaison between the Exchange and the outside contractors while 500 miles of new cabling was put in to cope with more than £5 million worth of new computer equipment

Small headway for the data wage slaves

Despite the often reported shortages of experienced staff in the computer industry they seem to have had little effect in pushing up data processing salaries. Those employed in the industry are faring little better and sometimes worse than their colleagues in other industries according to figures from management consultants Inbucon.

Data processing managers in particular, says the report, received only an average increase of 5 per cent on their salaries this year compared with an average of over 9 per cent for executives employed in other industries.

It was the lowest percentage

SALARIES

By Matthew May

increase of any of the 19 industry groupings looked at. Highest increases went to those training executives (12.2 per cent) and managing directors (11.5 per cent).

Only computer programmers and senior analysts managed to top the general average as the table shows. The average increase for all data processing jobs was 8.1 per cent.

The survey, which covered a total of 6,500 people working in 623 companies, includes a special section on data processing staff surveying 937 employees.

predominantly from the manufacturing industry the increases reported do not reflect the large jumps in salaries experienced in some specific service sectors such as those employed by City firms in preparation for the Big Bang.

In terms of total remuneration — once perks such as company cars are taken into account — computer managers fared slightly better with an increase of 7 per cent though still 3 per cent less than the average for colleagues in other industries.

The salary figures shown in the table can of course reflect large bands. They are widest for computer managers where salaries range from around £19,000 in companies with fewer than 500 employees to over £30,000 in companies employing more than 10,000 people. The highest paid computer manager surveyed earned over £57,000.

For computer operators however better pay is to be found in the smaller company where salaries average £8350 compared with £7,700 in the largest.

As in previous years, say Inbucon, data processing and system managers have average ages well below those for many other comparable job categories, while the length of time spent both in a particular job and company is also much lower than other industries.

Don McClune, manager of Inbucon's salary research department points out, however, that as those computer people surveyed were

The 1986 Survey of Executive Salaries and Fringe Benefits is published by Inbucon at £150. Further information on 01-584 6171.

Job	Average Salary July 85	Average Salary July 86	Rise (%)	Av Age	Av Yrs in job	Av Yrs in comp
Head of DP	20,774	19,794	5.0	41	4.8	9.8
Systems managers	18,364	17,048	7.7	40	3.9	10.4
Senior analysts	14,389	13,144	8.5	37	3.7	8.2
Systems analysts	12,560	11,511	8.1	34	2.9	6.1
Senior programmers	12,171	11,066	10.0	33	3.2	6.9
Programmers	9,917	8,914	11.3	28	2.1	3.7
Senior operators	9,040	8,328	8.5	33	3.9	8.4
Operators	7,500	6,940	8.1	27	3.3	4.8

Source: Inbucon

Toward a state of corporate confusion

A potentially serious shortfall in experienced data communications staff during the next five to 10 years is being forecast by leading computer industry experts.

It will be caused by the need to plan, manage and coordinate the growing availability of network services and communications facilities brought about by technological progress and the recent easing of communications regulations in Britain.

Financial, retail and manufacturing companies are now looking at the benefits to be had from sophisticated communications set-ups.

In the rush to implement the new technology to ensure business competitiveness, many companies may be forced into boot-strap communications measures due to lack of available specialist staff.

This could, those in the

JOBSCENE

By Eddie Coulter

industry warn, result in inefficient networks and — in extreme cases — disastrous consequences with badly-planned systems liable to bring organizations to a communications halt.

"Shortage of good communications managers will be a massive problem," said Dr Eurlyl ap Gwilym, managing director of Geisco, the network based services division of the American General Electric.

Other factors also point to a possible state of corporate confusion and mistakes in data communications planning brought about by a lack of good communications management.

With the recent introduction of Managed Data Net-

works licences, which have eased the rules on Value Added Network Services (VANS), many new communications offerings can be expected.

A projected European growth in network services of 80 per cent a year, along with a 100 per cent increase in wide area networks, is predicted during the next five years.

At the other end of the communications scale, voice communications and intelligent PABXs — or CATOs (Computer Aided Telephone Operations) — are becoming more sophisticated and converging towards data.

Amid these two levels lies the conceptual plan for companies' local area networks which, ideally, will give access to specialized databases with on-going communications to larger corporate databases.

These will run from company information centres where communications planning and control will be administered. Decisions will have to be made about who accesses what, when and how?

During the next five years this will create a demand for thousands of additional communications managers.

Managing consultant, Robert Jackson, a communications specialist with Logica Consultancy, believes that even now there are not enough people who know data

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Events

General Practice Computer Exhibition — Medical computing, Forum Hall, Wythenshawe, Manchester, Thursday until Saturday (021-525 8706)

Compec, Olympia, London, November 11-14 (01-821 5555)

Micros in Design, Design Centre, Haymarket, London SW1, November 12-December 19 (01-839 8000)

Computers in the City, Barbican, London, November 18-20

British Telecom Network Strategy Conference, Sodegwick Centre, London E1, November 18-19 (01-608 1161)

People and Technology, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London, November 25-27 (01-727 1929)

CIMAP - Factory automation, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, December 1-5 (01-891 3428)

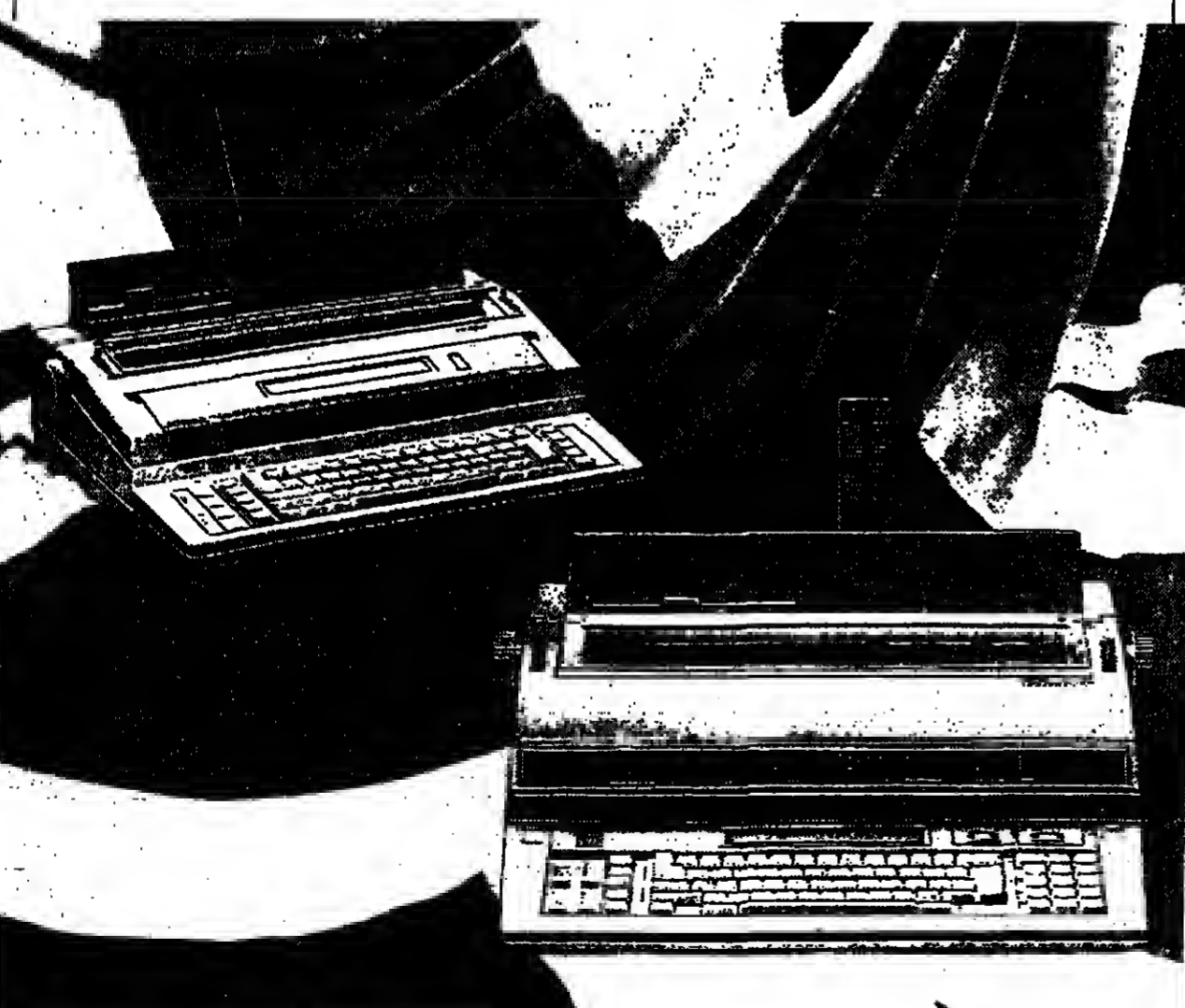
Interactive Video, Metropole Hotel, Brighton, December 9-11 (01-847 1847)

High Technology in Education, Barbican, London, January 21-24 (01-608 1161)

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Stephen Arkell, winner of the UK Computer Journalist of the Year (News) award 1985...

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Workers don't want union, says IBM

By Andrew Blum

Officials at IBM headquarters in Armonk, New York, said union leaders will get a poor response from company employees if they go ahead with a threatened unionization effort next year.

Comments by the corporate officials came last week after union leaders said they planned to mount a unionization effort at IBM sometime next year.

Morton Bahr, president of the Communication Workers of America union, said that several unions will meet in London next January to discuss a drive to organize IBM workers worldwide.

But, IBM said, employees at the computer giant are satisfied with their salaries and fringe benefits and have never expressed any desire to unionize.

IBM officials said their policies have contributed to a 50-year history of no lay-offs and the company has always respected rights of employees to organize.

"Because our policies address the needs of the individuals who make up IBM," one spokesman said, "they never have expressed the need for a union in the United States and in most other countries where we do business."

IBM said it supports and follows applicable labour law covering employees in all 132 countries where it operates. It employs 405,500 people worldwide.

"We are not anti-union in any sense and to characterize IBM's position in this manner is completely inaccurate," the spokesman added.

Wilmot to nurse lame ducks

By Richard Sarson

Robb Wilmot, who nursed ICL back to health after its financial crisis in 1981, has formed a new company to inject capital and good management into ailing information technology companies.

The new company is to be called Octagon Industries. It will have Dr Wilmot as a non-executive director who will be joined as chairman by Alex Reid, the man put into Acorn by Olivetti to turn it round after its financial difficulties two years ago.

START-UP

Managing director of Octagon will be Geoff Bristow, one of Dr Wilmot's colleagues from Texas Instruments and ICL. His first job will be to identify suitable companies to rescue, working from a small office in Maidenhead.

Finance will come from Close Investment Management, which has put £25 million at the disposal of the new company so that Octagon, said Dr Reid, can "look at propositions of any size".

As well as Dr Reid's and Dr Wilmot's own "company doctoring" experience, they



Company doctors: Robb Wilmot, left, and Alex Reid plan to recruit other company doctors from the ranks of management to the established computer companies.

Dr Reid believes that there is a lot of entrepreneurial talent being wasted in the upper echelons of medium and large computer firms.

So Octagon Industries' second task will be to establish itself as a professional recruitment agency, head-hunting people with the right skills, to nurse the lame ducks back to health. The new company com-

US-Japan price pact heads for deep freeze

US-Japan price pact heads for deep freeze

By Elisabeth Rabinoff in Tokyo

A senior European trade official has brooded as politically damaging the American and Japanese price pact on semi-conductor chips and said it should be suspended.

"The agreement should be put into cold storage for six months to give everybody the chance to review the precedent-setting, less politically damaging solutions," said Christopher Wilkinson, a senior EEC information technology official.

The community charged earlier this month that the agreement runs contrary to international trade obligations and called for an investigation under General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) rules.

The deal requires Japan to control the prices of most of its exported semiconductors - tiny slices of silicon that form the brains of almost all electronic devices - whether they are sold to the United States or elsewhere.

"Personally, I think it would be a great help if this agreement were suspended and the interested parties sought alternative ways of removing the major frictions," Mr Wilkinson said.

He added, however, that the community had not officially stated a goal for the outcome of a GATT investigation and would abide by any GATT ruling.

The EEC has said the accord effectively fixes prices for Japanese semi-conductors in the EEC and other third markets while allowing American manufacturers privileged access to the Japanese market.

The agreement, concluded in July, ended a long dispute over alleged dumping of Japanese computer memory chips on the US market.

Many industry analysts have predicted that the five-year agreement will break down before 1991.

The EEC last year imported two-thirds of the semi-conductors it used.

European manufacturers of semiconductors are expected to file their own charges with the EEC, complaining that Japanese firms are dumping computer chips in Europe at below cost price.

A new Manuscript from Lotus

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Lotus has announced a word and document processor specifically aimed at the company, said "technical professionals".

Called Manuscript the package is intended for those needing to produce complex reports or proposals. It can mix text with graphics and tables and extract information from the Lotus 123 and Symphony packages.

The product, which will cost £295, follows research by Lotus which indicated nearly 60 per cent of scientists and engineers in America already use some sort of spreadsheet with half a million of them using a Lotus product.

Digital Equipment has announced that profits for its first fiscal quarter are up 153 per cent to \$182.6 million (£127.6 million) on a 26 per cent increase in sales to \$2.04 billion. The results are a

further embarrassment to competitor IBM which last week announced a drop in third quarter earnings of 27 per cent to \$1.08 billion on sales up 2 per cent to \$11.91 billion.

Digital's president, Ken Olsen, ascribed the gain to customers' acceptance of "our networked systems solutions" - a reference to DEC's strengths in linking computers and networks.

Hermann von Siemens, an industrialist who for 27 years headed the Siemens Company, West Germany's largest producer of computer and electronics, died last Monday in Munich. He was 101 years old.

The company, one of the biggest industrial concerns in West Germany, was

founded by von Siemens a grandfather of the present Siemens. In Berlin in 1847, to manufacture and install telegraph systems, Hermann von Siemens worked in Siemens laboratories from 1919 and was in charge of the development of a telecommunications technique that became the basis of the Telex system.

The United States has tentatively approved the sale to India of a super computer, one of the first such offers of high technology to a country outside Western Europe. But officials from the US State Department said India had not yet decided whether to buy the computer from one of two American firms or from a Japanese company.

The officials said India planned to use the super computer to analyse weather patterns to help predict monsoons. They said, however, that before any US sale could be made, India would have to assure the United States that the computer would be used only for the stated purpose.



"We've already got one - a hidden microphone in the staff coffee area"

A software package to simplify and speed up the use of British Telecom's electronic mail service, Telecom Gold, and aimed at City dealing rooms, preparing for next week's Big Bang, has been developed by AutoComs, a company which provides automatic confirmation services for foreign exchange deals struck between banks and money market brokers.

The package, called Bart Gold, is intended for use by the City's smaller banks which use Telecom Gold as a depository for the deal confirmations sent by the broking firms. Bart, costs around £1,300.

Continued from previous page communications generally. "Large corporations who are well into communications are OK," he said, "but many smaller and medium sized companies have the wrong people already in communications management."

"Often responsibility for communications is being dumped on people who don't know much about it."

Mr Jackson believes that communications departments must be well structured. Reporting to an overall controller two specific functional levels are required.

The first type are the planners and strategists who understand the technology and its application to individual company needs. "They do not have to be communications engineers, but must understand what can be done," said Mr Jackson.

The other requirement is for network controllers. "These people are more of the engineer type. They understand communications software and hardware and usually have a good working relationship with British Telecom and other suppliers," he said.

Dick White, recruitment manager of PA Computers and a Telecom communications (PACTEL) agrees that in selecting good communications management the emphasis is less on engineering skills and more on how a manager can understand the diversity of communications products and services and their application to benefit a company.

"We could assimilate as many of the right kind of people as we could find for consultancy work," said Mr White. "They don't necessarily need to be technicians, but they must know how the technology can be used."

Consultancy will naturally be a boom area in communications and due to the shortage of experienced communications managers, there is a burgeoning market for managed data networks.

It is expected that many companies, having had to seek external help in putting their networks together, will look to contractors outside help for network management on a day-to-day basis. But there are as yet few viable suppliers of such services.

In the City, where banks and other financial organizations are already large users of networks, communications skills are at a premium. The City is making up the shortfall through the use of consultants and in some instances this will lead to computer service

Corporate confusion ahead

organizations providing managed data network services," said Dr ap Gwilym.

From a career point of view, consultancy could be a viable objective. Knowledgeable communications recruits in consultancy as well as good managers can expect to earn £25,000 to £35,000 a year plus the usual perks.

Generally the communications field pays well. As a communications-planner salaries are in the £20,000 to £25,000 bracket, while network controllers can earn £18,000 to £22,000 a year.

Communications management staff are already being lured from British Telecom, telecommunications carriers and PTTs (although they themselves have huge demands).

For those keen to get into what may be an opportunistic market, self-study could be beneficial. Few formal lines of education for communications management exist although, just as computer science is now taught as a recognized discipline, so eventually might communications technology.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON HONG KONG

Bumps on the road to democracy

Fragrant Harbour fortunes

HISTORY

On January 26, 1841, a British naval landing party came ashore on a small rocky island at the mouth of China's Pearl River. They fired a salute and drank to the Queen's health. Thus began the colonial history of Hong Kong (the name means Fragrant Harbour).



Flying the flags: Exchange Square, the home of the new Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Queen's visit to Hong Kong symbolizes as clearly as anything could that the British Government considers the territory's future to be settled in a fair and reasonable way, with only points of detail to be cleared up before the transfer of sovereignty to China in 1997.



The Queen and Prince Philip begin a two-day state visit to Hong Kong today. David Bonavia reports

Some of these details, nonetheless, are of great significance to the people of Hong Kong most of whom will still be there when the 99-year lease of the territory to Britain runs out. Of greatest concern is the question of the internal political institutions of the future Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

The British and Chinese governments somehow got out of phase with the move by the Hong Kong authorities to establish democratic institutions after the signing of the joint Anglo-Chinese Declaration of 1984.

This envisaged a Hong Kong continuing to enjoy its capitalist economic system and British-style laws for 50 years after 1997.

China, however, had wanted Britain to hold Hong Kong in trust until that date, without important changes in the system of non-democratic, bureaucratic government which had held good for the last 145 years.

The alliance of Chinese socialism and western big business to derive the maximum economic benefit from Hong Kong, with the least political difficulty, suddenly found itself confronted with the good intentions of the British-dominated Hong Kong government.

Though Peking denies that either Britain or the Hong Kong government has a historic responsibility towards its people, since China claims the right to speak for them, the Hong Kong authorities went ahead with their multi-tiered plan to put sound democratic institutions in place.

Leaderships to exercise more political and social control than was envisaged under the Joint Declaration. This has put Peking in a dilemma. China is not — and never has been — a democracy, and the idea of free elections from the top to the bottom of the system is absolutely unacceptable to it.

Future power is a grey area

The Urban Council, until last year the only elective body in Hong Kong, has now been joined by the Regional Council, which operates on the same level but in the New Territories' rural areas. In addition, elections have been held for some of the seats in the Legislative Council, which previously were allotted ex-officio or by the Governor.

There is to be an official review of progress in democratization next year, which gives the British and Hong Kong governments time to think up ways of placating the Chinese over what the latter have evidently seen as an underhand move. Peking, for all its lack of internal democracy, is forced to pay at least lip service to it, if it seems to

be what the people of Hong Kong want. One grey area is the future power and selection of a chief executive to replace the Governor from 1997 on. The Joint Declaration said that the top official in Hong Kong should be chosen by local people and endorsed by Peking. But Peking has also made it clear that it does not consider the ballot box the only means of choosing the person who will be responsible to the Chinese government for the good conduct of affairs in Hong Kong.

The Chinese talk of "consultation" as of great importance in addition to elections. If this reflects what happens in China, it would mean that candidates for the job were selected in accordance with their standing in the eyes of Peking, and no oppositionist candidate would be allowed to stand.

Besides this British-initiated process of political development, China, in consultation with public figures from Hong Kong, is working out a constitution for the territory as well as matters of important detail such as the new shipping register and civil servants' pensions.

The key body is the Basic Law Drafting Committee, which is an organ of the Chinese legislature, supported and advised by the larger Basic Law Consultative Committee, which has a greater number of Hong Kong representatives.

The Hong Kong group known as the Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils (UMELCO) has been less involved in constitutional matters of late, having suffered a reverse in its attempts to get a better deal for Indians

and other minority groups whose descendants may become stateless under the new nationality and passport rules.

The first test of strength between Hong Kong's fledgling politicians and the Chinese government has been won by China. This is the issue of the proposed Daya Bay nuclear-power plant, which is to be built just 30 miles from the Hong Kong border.

The siting of the plant is a matter of Chinese jurisdiction. But after Chernobyl, public opinion in Hong Kong turned against the location of it so close to a densely packed population of nearly six million, whom it would be physically impossible to evacuate.

Many local public figures, who had previously shown no interest in the question, leapt on it as a quick route to publicity. Others were genuinely concerned at the safety considerations. And some local business people were financially committed to the project and produced eco-

China won first test of strength

conomic, environmental and scientific justifications for it.

Some of the new politicians sent delegations to Europe and the United States, where they were told that nuclear power was safe. Then they drew up a report on safety considerations and went to Peking to present it, as some of their number had already presented a one-million signature petition against the siting of the plant.

Predictably, this annoyed the Chinese authorities, who dug their feet in, told Hong Kong not to worry about safety because it was assured, and signed the contracts with the suppliers.

China is learning, just as much as Hong Kong, while the new relationship between them evolves. Hong Kong has at least shown that it will not accept being talked down to without answering back.

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ECONOMY

Hong Kong's economic performance will be better this year than had earlier been hoped. Real (inflation adjusted) gross domestic product will probably rise by 5.6 per cent against a growth rate of 4.3 per cent indicated at the time of the budget in February.

The growth will be exported, as the domestic economy is looking somewhat sluggish, especially in terms of public-sector demand. There are, meanwhile, some doubts about whether the vigorous surge in exports expected this year can be maintained next year, and Hong Kong's terms of trade are also deteriorating somewhat.

In his maiden speech on the economy on September 17 (he succeeded Sir John Bremridge as Financial Secretary earlier this year), Piers Jacobs painted a picture of a fairly buoyant Hong Kong, at least so far as the private sector of the economy is concerned.

The revised gdp growth rate is not so impressive as that expected by Hong Kong's East Asian neighbours, South Korea and Taiwan, but Mr Jacobs admitted that he might be erring on the side of caution.

One encouraging factor, given the expectation of continuing recession in the US economy next year, is that the 14 per cent rise (by value) in Hong Kong's domestic exports during the second quarter of 1986 - giving a growth rate of 8 per cent for the half year - was achieved despite a sharp slowdown in exports to the US.

Exports to this, Hong Kong's largest export market, grew by only 5 per cent in the second quarter - a rate which is now being forecast for the year as a whole, compared with a budget forecast of 10 per cent.

Fortunately, exports to West Germany rose 29 per cent in the first half of 1986 and are now expected to rise by 32 per cent for the full year, against a budget forecast of 18 per cent.

The predicted rise of domestic exports to Britain is also considerably higher than in the budget - 12 per cent as against 5 per cent - while

Inflation is under control; jobless rate has stayed stable

exports to Japan, which increased by 12 per cent in the first half, should at least meet their budget forecast rise of 16 per cent.

The government is attributing much of this improvement to the shift in the trade-weighted exchange rate of the Hong Kong dollar, which is boosting export competitiveness.

The US dollar depreciated by 23 per cent against the Japanese yen in the first eight months of 1986 and 17 per cent against the Deutschmark. At the same time, the trade-weighted exchange rate of the Hong Kong currency (which is linked to the US dollar at a rate of 7.8:1) declined by 9 per cent.

This boosted export de-

mand for Hong Kong goods in Europe although reflation of domestic demand by the West German government and, to some extent, by Britain, also helped.

Hong Kong obviously gained nothing in the US market by a cheapening of exports. But given the protectionist outlook in the US and the tendency towards quantitative (rather than price) restrictions on imports, the exchange rate benefits in other markets are probably more valuable.

Mr Jacobs noted that a new bilateral textile agreement between Hong Kong and the US was signed in June covering the period 1986 to 1991. It provides little room for growth in quota limits and extends the range of fibres covered.

In recent years, Hong Kong has looked to the United States to absorb 40 per cent or more of its domestic exports, while West Germany and Britain have taken about 7 per cent each and Japan about 3 per cent.

China has accounted for about 12 per cent. However, Hong Kong's domestic exports to the hinterland fell by 9 per cent in the first half of 1986, reflecting Chinese measures to dampen imports and foreign-exchange spending, although the decline for the year as a whole is now expected to be 4 per cent against the 7 per cent forecast in the budget.

Hong Kong's re-exports are improving after a slow start this year and should continue strengthening as China steps up its export promotion efforts (using Hong Kong as the entrepot).

With re-exports for the year

expected to grow at 6 per cent (compared with a budget forecast of 4 per cent) and direct exports as a whole expected to grow by 15 per cent (against 7 per cent earlier forecast), the outlook for total exports is a growth of 8 per cent instead of 6 per cent.

Retained imports of foodstuffs and consumer goods grew by 13 per cent and 10 per cent respectively in the first half of 1986, suggesting that private consumer demand is quite firm, something also indicated by overall consumer demand in Hong Kong. But retained imports of capital goods fell by 8 per cent in the same period.

Mr Jacobs challenged the idea that this, coupled with the fact that investment in plant and machinery fell during 1985, is a cause for concern about Hong Kong's future or that it indicates a lack of investor confidence.

He contrasted the "small", though unquantified, decline in investment last year with a 23 per cent rise in 1984. It looked good on a two-year view.

He also drew comfort from the fact that imports of industrial machinery had risen in the first half of 1986. The fall was in imports of non-industrial machinery.

Despite the improvement in exports, a visible trade deficit of HK\$390 million (about £35 million) is forecast for 1986, compared with a trade surplus of HK\$2.5 billion in 1985. Mr Jacobs acknowledged a deterioration in Hong Kong's terms of trade, which, coupled with the growing threat to markets from protectionism, must be a matter for concern. And the improvement in the



Fast workers: assembly line girls at a factory in Kowloon

services balance (on invisible transactions) is not expected to be big enough to prevent a deterioration in the overall balance of payments in 1986 (see table).

Things look rather better on government revenue. The yield from profits tax this year will be higher than forecast so that, with government expenditure running close to budget estimates, the government surplus in fiscal 1986-87 will be bigger than earlier thought. The public sector will account for 16.6 per cent of

	ECONOMIC INDICATORS (in HK\$ billion)	
	1985	1986 (forecast)
Domestic exports	129.9	146.4
Re-exports	105.3	114.9
Total exports	235.1	261.4
Imports	232.6	261.8
Visible balance	2.5	-0.4
Services balance	14.6	15.3
Overall balance	17.1	14.9

Source: Hong Kong Government

Fragrant Harbour

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safe from the banditry and unrest plaguing South China.

A second Anglo-Chinese war broke out in 1856 after the Chinese boarded an allegedly British ship during an opium search and ignored the terms of an earlier treaty.

This led to strong anti-British feelings in Hong Kong, with posters openly calling for the death of all barbarians. An unsuccessful attempt was made to poison all western families by dosing their bread with arsenic. However, under the Convention of Peking in 1860, which followed the Chinese defeat, the territory of Hong Kong was increased by the addition of the Kowloon Peninsula - several square miles of mainland on the north side of the harbour.

A much larger addition to Hong Kong came in 1898 after China had been weakened still further by a disastrous war with Japan. Britain decided to take over a large area adjoining Hong Kong's northern border, having particularly in mind the security of the harbour.

By a convention signed in June 1898, the so-called New Territories - an area of 355 square miles including land north of Kowloon and 235 islands - were leased for 99 years.

As the 19th century drew to a close, Hong Kong was expanding vigorously as a trading port and city with a quarter of a million people. Its colonial government was on the usual lines - a governor nominated by Whitehall and executive and legislative councils with government officials in the majority. Hong Kong policy was *laissez-faire*, with money and goods flowing freely.

The problem of 100 million people persisted. The collapse of the Manchu Dynasty in China and the setting-up of the Chinese Republic by Sun Yat-sen in 1912 brought years of unrest in China and thousands more refugees to Hong Kong.

Anti-imperialist feelings ran high on the mainland, with Britain as the arch-villain; and in the mid-1920s boycotts and strikes spread to Hong Kong and threatened a shutdown of business. Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of Hong Kong from 1925 to 1930, negotiated a settlement and succeeded in improving relations with Canton.

Japanese penetration into China in the early 1930s brought more refugees. By the time the Second World War

had spread to the Far East, Hong Kong's population was up to 1,600,000.

The colony surrendered to the Japanese invaders on Christmas Day, 1941. British troops and local volunteers were ordered to lay down their arms. Business and trade died. Food supplies dwindled. Cannibalism was reported. Many died or moved to the mainland to survive. By war's end the population was down to 600,000.

After the war, when colonial administration was resumed, the British Government was faced with continual demands from the Chinese Nationalist government for Hong Kong to be returned to China, and in 1948 the British consulate in Canton was burnt down in violent anti-British riots.

The defeated Nationalists retreated to Taiwan in 1948 and now fear arose that the Communist People's Liberation Army might move over the border into Hong Kong. British Army reinforcements were sent.

Rioting broke out in the colony in October, 1956 between Communist and Nationalist supporters and 51 people were killed. Serious disorder threatened when China's Cultural Revolution spilled over into Hong Kong in 1966, and the British Embassy in Peking was burnt down by mobs.

However, the Hong Kong authorities weathered the storm, and a great change for the better was enjoyed in the colony when China adopted an open-door "smiling diplomacy" attitude to the outside world in 1972.

Following the visit of President Nixon in that year, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, then Foreign Secretary, went to Peking and Sino-British relations were normalized.

By the early 1980s questions were being asked about Hong Kong's future. What about the lease, due to expire on June 30, 1986, of the New Territories, without which Hong Kong was no longer a viable entity?

Mrs Thatcher flew to Peking in September, 1982, to open negotiations, and two years later the Sino-British joint declaration on the colony's future was published.

As in the past, Hong Kong's course was to be influenced by outside forces. For the Hong Kong man in the street, a new era of hopes and fears had begun.

Anthony Lawrence

Hong Kong's gdp in 1986, about the same as last year. Its share of the construction sector, where government influence in the economy is greatest, will fall slightly from 35 per cent to 33 per cent.

Mr Jacobs noted that public sector spending on construction would probably decline by 7 per cent in 1986 instead of growing by 3 per cent, as suggested at the time of the budget.

Private sector expenditure under this heading would probably increase by only 2 per cent this year too, instead of the 6 per cent suggested in the budget, Mr Piers said.

So, overall gross domestic capital formation will rise by only 1 per cent instead of earlier forecast 3 per cent. Taking an overall increase of 6 per cent in the private sector in 1986, and unchanged public sector demand, the impetus for growth in the economy as a whole during the remainder of 1986 will have to come from exports.

Inflation, meanwhile, is under control. Against a budget forecast of a 5 per cent rise in consumer prices this year, the outcome is likely to be nearer 3.5 per cent (the consumer price index rose by 2.7 per cent in the first seven months of the year).

The unemployment rate has also remained stable at a low level. During the second quarter of 1986 it was 3 per cent.

"This reflects effective full employment and can be expected to continue," Mr Jacobs said.

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The problem banks

Two events which occurred within a few days of each other recently highlight the curious mixed complexion of the Hong Kong financial scene.

On September 8 the Hong Kong government took over the management of yet another troubled local bank, the seventh needing official rescue since 1983. Yet a few days later the Hang Seng index, which measures activity on the local stock exchange, surged above 2,000 for the first time.

True, the latest banking casualty, the Hong Nin Bank, owned by local Chinese investors, is one of the territory's smallest and is not listed on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

And the debt-plagued business interests of Sir Kenneth Fung Ping-ian, to which Hong Nin was heavily exposed, are also in the private domain. But corporate problems are not limited to these two.

In mid-September the local crime squad raided the premises of the Wing On group, which is controlled by the Kwok family and linked to the troubled Wing On Bank. Yet again, as the new amalgamated stock exchange prepared for its formal opening on October 6, Hong Kong was alive with rumours of a scandal involving the bribing of fund managers by certain local stockbrokers.

And all the while the debt-plagued local shipping groups, Tung Group and Wah Kwong, struggled to reach agreement with their creditors and stay afloat.

All this means that despite the latest bout of bullishness in the stock market and the surge in Hong Kong exports during 1986, the corporate sector is not as a whole in good shape.

The blue chips are, admittedly, looking good. Hong Kong Land's recovery from the property slump in 1982-84 continues steadily. Jardine Matheson has cleared the decks of its shipping albatross, the Home Kong and Shanghai

FINANCE

Banking Corporation has provisioned for recession-induced bad debts, and the likes of Hutchison Whampoa and Swire Pacific are looking healthy enough.

But beneath the level of the biggest expatriate-controlled business houses (or "hongs") lies a layer of local business which is in a rather shakier state. All seven of the banks which the government has had to rescue since the collapse of the Hang Lung Bank in October 1983 have been local Chinese-owned institutions.

In several instances bad banking was allied with plain fraud. The shipping groups are victims of a worldwide slump but in cases such as Wing On Bank, fraud is again suspected and the Fung Pin Fan group

Blue chips look good and recovery is steady

appears to have made some prudent investments.

The surfacing of all these problems in the banking and business sector could be put down to some extent to more efficient policing.

The Banking Commission has been looking more closely at banks' books in the last couple of years and this stricter supervision culminated in a new Banking Ordinance which took effect on September 1. The commercial crime division of the police has also been stepping up its activities.

More thorough official examination of banks' books and more conscientious auditing of company books in general is beginning to reveal a lot of problems. Once these become known, or whispered about, confidence in some particular company, or other rapidly erodes.

exposed to the particular company can easily be pulled down too.

The government's attitude toward banks in difficulties seems to be evolving from one of outright take-over (as in the case of Hang Lung Overseas Trust Bank) to temporary support. The idea, as in the case of Union Bank or Hong Nin, is to provide credit lines from the official Exchange Fund while a commercial partner is found to take over the troubled bank.

At that point the government withdraws. Otherwise the liquidation option might be tried, with asset realizations used to compensate first depositors, then other creditors and, finally, if there is anything left, over-shareholders.

As for the new stock exchange, formed out of the four old exchanges which Hong Kong used to boast, it is a model of technical efficiency and up-to-date trading methods. But it too faces some problems.

There are still 630 brokers occupying seats on the exchange - far too many for the volume of business available, especially as big institutional business finds its way increasingly into the hands of the better bank-linked brokers.

The exchange is hoping to get official approval of a London-style Unlisted Securities Market, which would help the underemployed brokers as well as providing a new financing source for smaller companies.

Many stockbrokers have applied to join the revamped Hong Kong Futures Exchange, which is trading stock index futures and hopes to begin trading currency and interest rate futures later this year.

But what the stock exchange needs is a clutch of new listings and the most obvious place to look for those is China-based enterprises. It may be a little while yet before China is ready for that.

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FOCUS

The word is out: drop English

EDUCATION

Language is the main bone of contention in education in Hong Kong today. A recent directive by the Education Department, advising schools at all levels to conduct classes in Chinese instead of English, has caused concern in many areas.

Observers take the view that Hong Kong's success as an international commercial centre depends largely on the ability of its people to communicate in English.

As the Chinese takeover in 1997 approaches, there is also the underlying fear that Hong Kong will lose its identity and be in greater danger of being swallowed up by China if Chinese becomes the official language.

But there is also the recognition that fluency in Chinese, particularly Mandarin, will be necessary to facilitate communication with the mainland and its leaders in the years beyond 1997.

Businessmen, bankers, industrialists and government personnel officers have all said they would continue to demand proficiency in English as a condition of employment. On the other hand, some heads of educational institutions argue that their pupils will learn more efficiently in Chinese, their mother tongue.

It could be said that education cannot be of much benefit if it does not include teaching proficiency in English because whole professions, such as medicine and the law, prohibit students from practising until they can pass the relevant British examinations of their professional body - in English.

A spokesman for the Education Department said its directive did not seek to ban the teaching of English in schools - a vital part of any school's curriculum - merely that the classes should be conducted in Chinese instead of English.

Despite many years of British rule during which the official language has been English, most Hong Kong Chinese speak English badly or not at all. One of the predicaments in which Hong Kong-born Chinese find themselves is that most of them speak only Cantonese, a dialect understood in only a small area of China.

Some observers believe that after the Chinese takeover, Mandarin will become the official language of Hong Kong. Otherwise, they say, the localization of the government in the territory and the promotion to power of Hong Kong Chinese will be handicapped by their lack of proficiency in English.

The Chinese residents of Hong Kong are in a peculiar position, which is reflected by the dilemma of the educational system. If they do not learn English, they will be cut off from effective communication with most of China. Those who speak only Cantonese are going to be severely handicapped. The answer would seem to be the inclusion of both Mandarin and English in the curriculum of all schools. So far most of them are not taking this course.

After 1997 the status of the two languages will be parallel, but English is also important to the Chinese in the move towards modernization. Hong Kong students are thus in the unusual position of having to know three languages to survive.

Dr Li Haiji, chief of Policy and Planning in Education in China, has said that the People's Republic is conducting research to establish an educational policy for Hong Kong. This seems to put an end to hopes that Hong Kong's educational system will be allowed to function independently after 1997. Many observers are worried that the territory is still making plans for education which will extend beyond 1997 while China may be planning extensive reform. Educational leaders in Hong Kong are advocating more co-ordination between the territory and the mainland, but the government Education Department does not appear to be acting on this advice.

The colony has two universities, the Hong Kong University in the city, where tuition is in English, and the Chinese University in the New Territories, where it is mainly in Chinese. A third university is at the planning stage and will make a preliminary submission in 1988 on its degree course.

There is argument about whether it should last three or four years. The new institution will be a grouping of professional schools emphasizing science, technology, management and business studies.

Suggestions for a name for the new university are to be invited from the public. Instruction will be in both Chinese and English. The university will have places for 10,000 students and is expected to admit its first batch during 1994-97.

These plans were recently announced by the committee. Should they have added "Deng willing"?



Students are in the unusual position of having to know three languages



Workers and players: intent eyes check a circuit board, and the boat children having fun on the river

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Winsome Lane

A property bonanza after the jitters

PROPERTY

The property market in Hong Kong is booming, with the Hang Seng stock exchange index at an all-time high, and property men see no cause for pessimism about the future.

A serious crisis in 1983, when confidence in the future was low, was resolved with the signing of the Sino-British Joint Declaration in 1984. Since then prices have soared.

"International businessmen see Hong Kong as one of the most attractive prospects for investment in the world today, with rents and property prices, as well as labour, lower than Tokyo, while the Hong Kong economy shows an upturn similar to that of Japan," said Alan Hill, a property consultant and partner in one of the territory's main property values.

Mr Hill pointed to the investment by China in a 750,000 sq ft site in the centre of the city for a new Bank of China building as evidence of

However, they are still half the price of those in Tokyo. Office space in prime areas of Tokyo now goes for HK\$50 per sq ft, whereas the going rate in Hong Kong for the best accommodation is around HK\$25 per sq ft.

Mr Hill expects there may be a slight fall in office rents as the many new office buildings come onto the market within the next two years.

In the residential sector, rents for top luxury accommodation have doubled within the last two years. Other types of accommodation have shown a steady increase in rents of 11 to 12 per cent annually. The market is dominated by foreign companies.

There has not been a similar upturn in residential property prices because few companies coming to Hong Kong bother to buy accommodation for their staff, but the increase in rents has made residential accommodation an attractive investment for the builder.

So many local and international entrepreneurs are building blocks of luxury flats that there is likely to be a glut. Mr Hill predicts that rents will come down within the next two years.

During 1986, 1,035 new luxury flats with areas of over 2,000 sq ft will come on to the market, while the figure is expected to be 1,081 in 1987 and 1,100 in 1988. These will be as the result of developments already near the completion stage and are significantly higher than any increases that have occurred in the recent past.

But Mr Hill believes demand will equal or even exceed supply with the next few years, given the general health of the economy. "There are also fairly clear trends emerging for increased owner-occupation in this sector of the market", he added.

Hong Kong is still competitive in the world as far as property prices and rents are concerned. The property market is a direct by-product of the economy and the economy is booming. "There is a significant amount of Chinese investment here and as long as Hong Kong continues to act as an entrepreneur for China the future looks bright", said Mr Hill.

An underlying degree of concern among the local population is not reflected in the attitude of international businessmen. Despite a tendency to think of high and quick profits, a significant amount of international investment in property is still taking place.

There is a constant race between supply and demand, in which building sometimes oversteps the demand, with a resultant retraction, only to be followed by a shortage of office and housing space, and a soar in rents, which in turn stimulates more building.

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There is likely to be a glut in the building of luxury blocks

its good intentions. The Chinese government paid HK\$1 billion (about £89 million) for the site and is putting up a building designed by the Chinese-American architect I M Pei, at a cost of HK\$1.25 billion.

A series of new projects is turning Hong Kong into a giant construction site. They include a second cross-harbour tunnel at a cost of HK\$2.7 billion, several 50-storey office buildings, a new exhibition centre and five new hotels.

Land prices have rocketed again after the slump of 1983, when the future of Hong Kong seemed uncertain. A property development site near the centre of the city sold for HK\$2 billion last year and a commercial building development site which sold for a record HK\$645 million last year was resold at a HK\$75 million profit less than one year later.

There is now a shortage of office space in the main commercial areas, Hong Kong Central district, Tsimshatsui and Causeway Bay. This is because the effects are being felt of the depressed market in 1983 when no new construction was started.

An office building in Hong Kong takes three to four years from site acquisition to occupation and the many new buildings now going up were not started until 1984, when the Joint Declaration put an end to the jitters. This has put pressure on rents in the popular commercial centres and they have doubled within the past two years.

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IMMIGRANTS

There are 8,500 Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong, a quarter of the total in South-East Asia. In 1986, refugee arrivals in the region as a whole have gone down by 15 per cent compared with the same period last year. But the number arriving in Hong Kong has risen by 97 per cent.

This is in spite of the closed centre policy introduced in July 1982 to deter arrivals. All refugees who arrived after that date were locked up in prison-like camps.

Despite the high percentage of the refugees in Hong Kong, the resettlement rate is much lower than that of other countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines, mainly because the colony does not have the political clout to demand more resettlement places.

The refugees do not arouse much sympathy among the local population, many of whom live in cramped and squalid conditions and have relatives waiting in China to come and join them. The government intercepts about 40 illegal immigrants from China each day and all are returned immediately.

On top of that, 75 legal immigrants arrive from China daily for family reunions. Some Hong Kong people see the humanitarian policy of not turning away refugees as something imposed on Hong Kong by Britain and they feel particularly resentful when Britain does not help the territory to rid itself of the refugee burden.

On a visit to Hong Kong last month David Waddington, British Minister of State at the Home Office, raised the spectre of repatriation as a long-term solution to the problem of the 8,500 Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong.

Refugees: the boats that won't go away

Mr Waddington said the time had come for countries concerned to examine with the Vietnamese government on whether repatriation was a possibility. However, he stressed such a policy could not be pursued without the British Government being satisfied that the repatriated refugees "would not be treated abominably."

He said the British Government was looking into the



Vietnam was not prepared to take refugees back en masse

pattern of refugee arrivals in Hong Kong to see whether they could be described as "economic migrants rather than refugees in the true sense," and whether Britain should pursue a policy which might lead to more and more people leaving Vietnam. He said the governments taking in refugees should be considering making a joint approach to Vietnam about repatriation.

The minister said public opinion in Britain would countenance repatriation unless some "independent organization of real prestige" like the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was prepared to say conditions had changed in

Vietnam and the time had arrived for repatriation. Hong Kong government figures show that nearly all refugees who have arrived since 1980 have been ethnic Vietnamese. Of the 1,112 refugees who came last year, 30 per cent were from the north and 70 per cent from the south.

So far this year, up to the end of August, there were 1,805 arrivals, of whom half were from the north. The United Nations' definition of refugee is someone who has left his country because of well-founded fear of persecution due to racial, ethnic, religious or political convictions.

In 1981 the United States Congress passed a refugee act sticking strictly to the UN definition, excluding those to whom Mr Waddington referred as "economic migrants". Australia also followed suit. The US is taking about 1,000 refugees a year and Australia 600.

Two years ago, the Security Branch of the Hong Kong government suggested dividing the Vietnamese refugees into economic and political refugees, with the former being regarded as non-genuine refugees.

It was accepted that the policy of categorizing refugees would be adopted only if non-genuine ones could be sent back to Vietnam. The suggestion was not taken up because

Vietnam refused to take them back.

Peter Meijer, UNHCR deputy chargé de mission, said repatriation had always been an option. The UNHCR has spoken to Vietnam and was told that repatriation was possible, but had to be done on a case-by-case basis.

So far, 14 refugees have been repatriated and they were children or people who had arrived against their will. As things stand, Vietnam was not prepared to take the refugees back en masse, nor would the refugees want to return. Both the Hong Kong government and the UNHCR would like to see Britain taking a lead in accepting more refugees. In November last year Britain offered to take 500 in 12 months. Mr Meijer said other countries regard Hong Kong as a British obligation and would help out only if Britain is prepared to accept its share of refugees. Mr Waddington insisted that Britain had not shirked its responsibility.

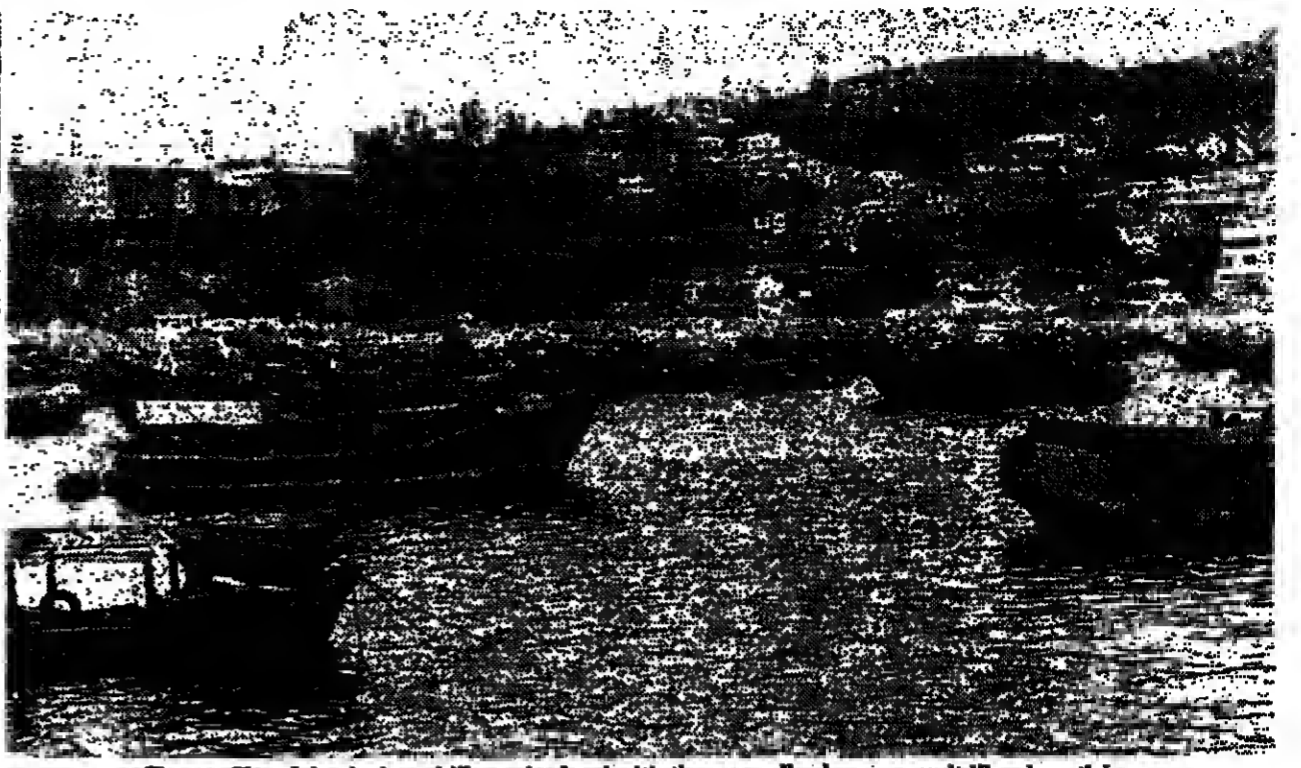
Since 1975, Hong Kong has accepted for permanent settlement 14,500 refugees and displaced persons from Indo-China. A further 550 Vietnamese refugees were reunited with their relatives in Hong Kong.

Of the 8,500 refugees in Hong Kong, 3,600 are in open centres, where they can take up employment, and 4,300 live in indefinite confinement awaiting resettlement. Sixty-four per cent of the refugees have been here more than three years and 11 per cent more than seven years.

Since 1979, the government and voluntary agencies have spent more than HK\$610 million (about £54 million) on caring for the refugees.

Emily Lau

For Eastern Economic Review



Cheung Chau Island, shaped like a rice bowl with the sea walls slung across it like chopsticks

Noodles, iced beer and a haven for weekend sailors

Over the hills to Charley's

ISLANDS

As our right wing dipped so low I thought it would scrape the lady eating noodles out of the top flat beneath us, an American voice behind me said: "Goddamit, all those empty islands behind us and here they're living in hencoops."

The speaker was almost right. Hong Kong's 235 islands are mostly empty be-

cause they have no water. The territory imports millions of gallons a day from mainland China, for example, and, by one of the vagaries of the system, I who live on Lantau island drink and wash in water that comes by barge from Hong Kong, where most of the water from Lantau catchment areas goes anyway.

The other reason why the islands are empty is because most Hong Kong residents are just too lazy to live there even when there is water on them.

Commuters reckon that the 45-minute safari on a bad day across Hong Kong Island from Tai Tam to Central is the worst they can contemplate.

Most of them, taking advantage of the superb Mass Transit Railway, multiple bus services and ever increasing taxi fleets, reckon they are in the sticks if they cannot reach their offices in 30 minutes.

Travelling to the islands is really only popular on summer weekends: "Don't go on weekends," warns the *All Asia Guide* quite rightly.

Hong Kongers are not adventurous and the attitude is infectious: junk parties sail out to bays almost within hailing distance of the main island and there, packed in rows like sardines, get wet and squiffily together.

I am pretty peripatetic but I don't believe I have set foot in Kowloon more than twice in two years. Kowloon is the other end of the 10-minute Star Ferry run from Central to the Nathan Road shopping area.

Chinese like living in large clusters and if you go into a travel agent to find somewhere to get away from it all you will be looked at in astonishment.

The *gweilos* (foreign devils) have picked up the habit from them so that they live only on four islands to the west of Hong Kong's Victoria Island: Lantau, which is double the size of Hong Kong; Lamna, which is opposite the teeming

harbour and smoking power station of Aberdeen; Cheung Chau, which sits opposite Lantau's Chimawan Peninsula; and Peng Chau, a small blob between Cheung Chau and eastern Lantau.

There are about 250-300 expatriates living on Cheung Chau, about 40-50 on Lamna, probably none on Peng Chau and an estimated 2,000-3,000 on Lantau. This largest congregation is made up mostly of the people living in the recently built Discovery Bay complex, which has shops and buses.

Getting away from it all it is not. It is like the mid-levels of the Peak on Hong Kong Island hauled out 30 minutes away into the South China Sea.

I live in a resort of about 200 flats called Sea Ranch, opposite Cheung Chau (which is shaped like a rice bowl with the sea walls slung across it like chopsticks). It takes me 50 minutes to get to Central by private launch, 80 minutes if I go over to catch the big ferry from Cheung Chau and only eight and a half minutes by helicopter.

The best trip is by the big ferry (carrying about 1,100 people), which has excellent noodles and iced beer aboard.

Archaeological discoveries made on Lantau and Lamna islands show that the islands have had settlements since Neolithic times. Lantau's unique position at the mouth of the large Pearl River system in South China offered exceptionally favourable conditions for early man to settle, says the government pamphlet.

I might add that it also offers today's man an enchanting, smog-free hideaway from Central and one breathes cool sweet fresh air, unlike the other rubbish perhaps a dozen people have already breathed before you have your chance at it.

Fishing, salt making and lime burning were the primary industries of the island for many centuries. The first two

of these employed a substantial number of people until recently.

In the early 18th century Lantau was constantly infested with pirates and opium smugglers and, to control them, the governor of Guangdong province ordered the establishment of a series of forts on Lantau, the first at Fan Lau on the southwest tip of the island and known locally as Kai Yik Kok (Chicken Wing Corner) Battery.

The first three of the islands listed above are very popular with the people who want to walk, camp, sightsee, swim or fish - or get away from it all.

On Lantau it takes my wife and me about two-and-a-half hours to walk over the hills to Charley's restaurant on the main east-west road running from Silvermine Bay to the battery and most of the stone paths laid by villagers hundreds of years ago still criss-cross the hills today and provide splendid walks.

Lantau Peak (at 3,067 ft the highest) and Sunset Peak are centred to look down on attractive coastal and woodland views. Cheung Chau beach, close by Charley's, and Falk Village Store, is two miles long and many of the big "hongs" and "bans" have weekend staff cottages there.

Lamna is Mecca for host-people too lazy to bring their own food out with them: on weekends and houses a score of excellent Chinese restaurants.

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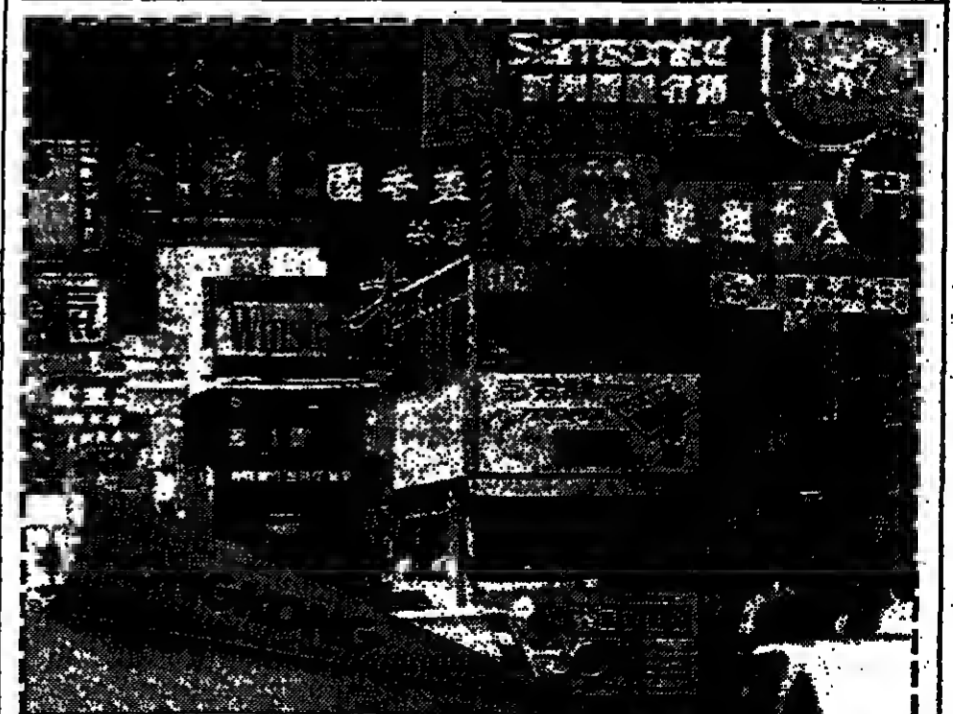
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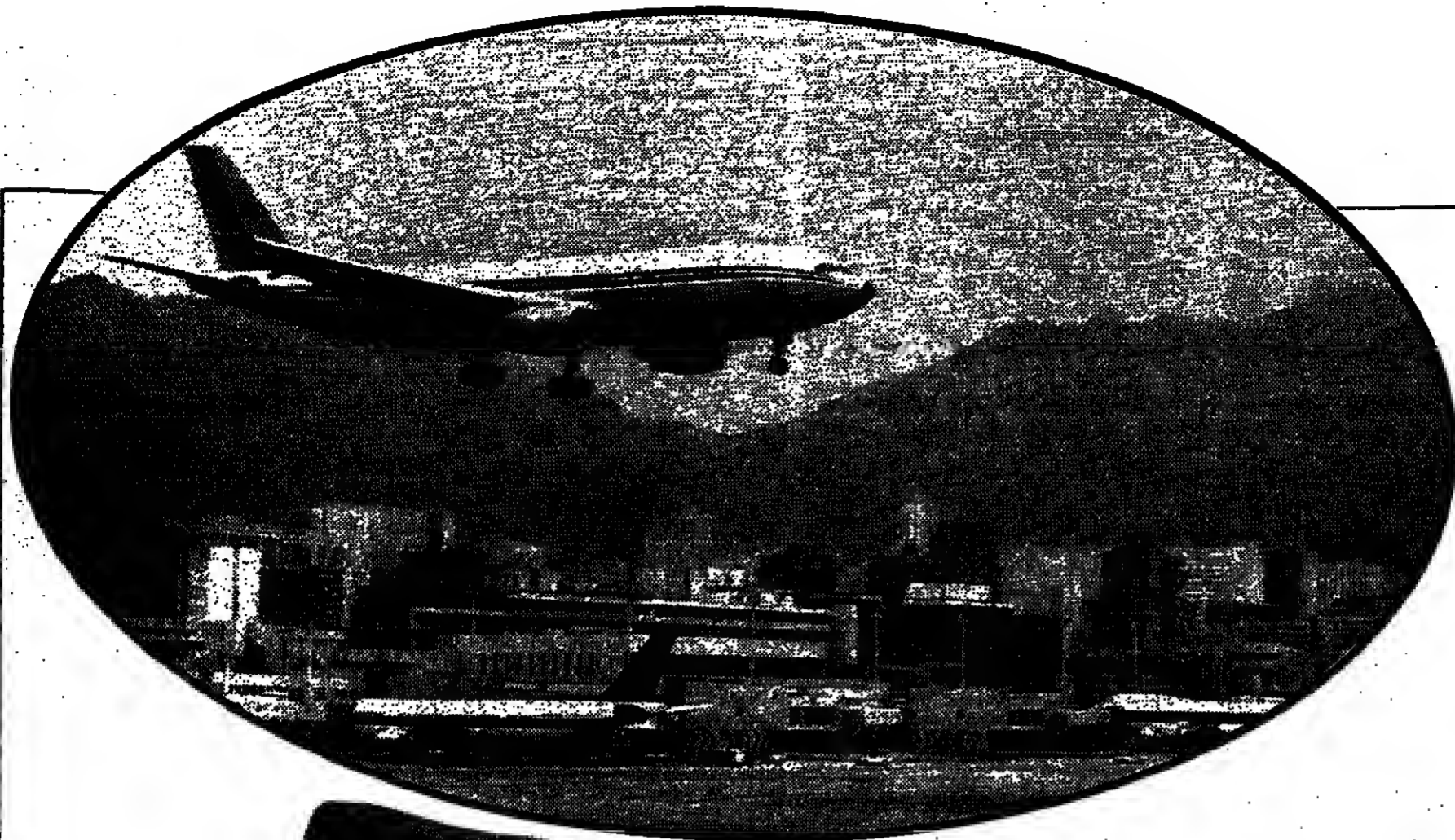
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A lofty view for a royal day out at the races

SPORT

The pomp and ceremony, not to mention rigours, of her visit to the colony will be the highlight of the Queen's day in Hong Kong before returning home.

She would be the last to admit it, at least publicly, but the highlight of the royal visit to the colony will be the afternoon at the track on October 22 and the Queen is in for a pleasant surprise.

While the racecourse in Hong Kong may not offer the illustrious history of Ascot, the Queen is guaranteed to be suitably impressed by the sport of kings, local style. The people of the colony enjoy horse racing as much as she does.

Since her last trip to the colony more than a decade ago, one of the world's finest racecourses has sprouted from 250 acres of reclaimed land in the Shatin district of the New Territories - located amid scenic seaside hills and skyscraper housing blocks barely

a furlong from the border with China. The Shatin track, completed in 1978 at a cost of more than £670,000, is the centrepiece of a new town of the same name (pop. 500,000). Its capacity - and a full house is guaranteed for the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip - is more than 50,000.

Although the current season began under the cloud of a race-fixing scandal which erupted in banner headlines near the end of the previous season, all that will be forgotten, at least for the day when the royal party will be at the track.

The Queen and Prince Philip will be accompanied by the governor, Sir Edward Youde, Lady Youde, and Sir Michael Sandberg, chairman of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club and retiring chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and other local dignitaries.

After lunch they will view the proceedings, high above the maddening crowds, from a



They're off! Anxious moments for the punters at Shatin racecourse in Hong Kong where the Queen and Prince Philip will watch the fittingly called Buckingham Palace Handicap

seventh-floor royal box. The first race on the card, fittingly, will be the Buckingham Palace Handicap.

The jockey club, with more than 13,000 staff, is the largest employer in the territory outside the government. It was created (circa 1846) by a group of presumably bored British Army officers and other socialites of that halcyon era.

They held a couple of race meetings annually at a track in the Happy Valley district of Hong Kong Island, which flourishes to this day.

86 season of £1.81 billion, or nearly £268 for every man, woman and child in a colony of 5.5 million.

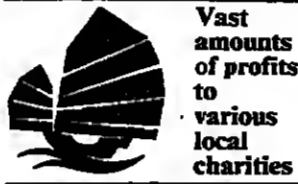
The jockey club's hierarchy reads like a who's who among the territory's taipans, consisting of property, textile, banking and shipping tycoons - some the very people who rebuilt Hong Kong after the Second World War.

The general manager is Major-General Guy Watkins, a one-time amateur jockey who formerly commanded the 4th Regiment, Royal Artillery, in Hong Kong.

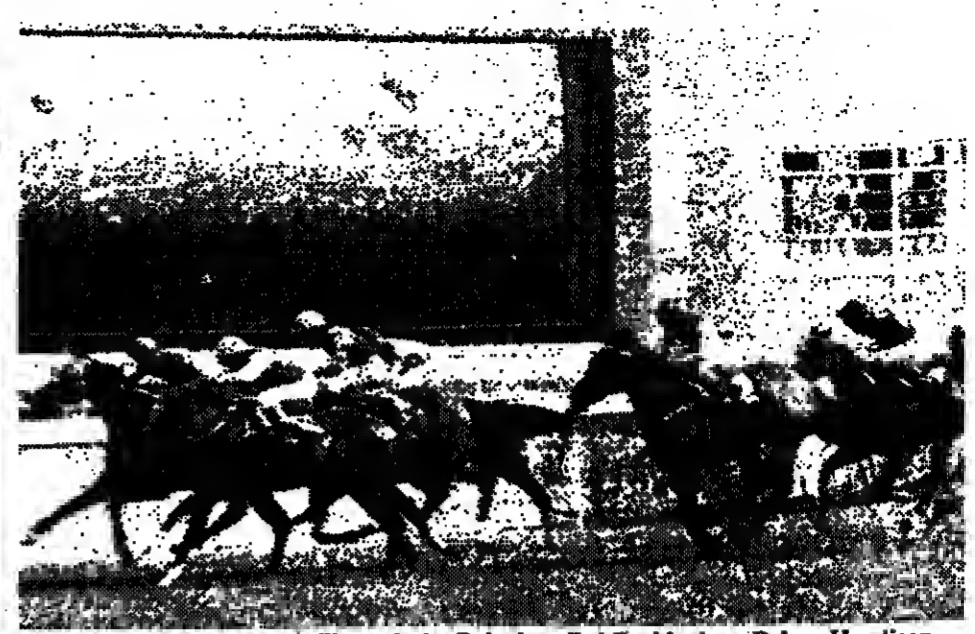
With a membership of about 30,000, the jockey club contributes vast amounts of

the profits it realizes from thoroughbred racing to various local charities.

Its overflowing coffers (after taxes) provided the funding for such projects as a multi-



million-sterling Academy for the Performing Arts, on the banks of Victoria Harbour and just a brief stroll from HMS Tamar, the military facility where HMS Britannia



The Queen and Prince Philip will watch the fittingly called Buckingham Palace Handicap

will be docked during the royal visit.

An even more elaborate science museum is being built on the opposite side of the harbour, ruining the waterfront view of luxury hotels such as the grand old Peninsula.

The jockey club also funded liberal donations to myriad local charities, from medical centres to community services, such as public swimming-pools.

Racing, of course, attracts avarice and, at times, its near relative, foul play. In gambling-mad Hong Kong, the

jockey club is no exception.

The club was tinged with scandal when one of its writing members (there are only 200), Y. L. Yang, a millionaire textile tycoon and OBE holder, admitted to arranging the fixing of at least six races last season. He also confessed to controlling a score of horses he did not own.

A number of jockeys, a trainer and other horsemen were implicated in the affair, the worst such scandal in the colony's history.

Mr Yang, 63, is a man known to have routinely placed £13,000 bets on a single race. But once in the dock, he

pleaded for leniency on grounds he was suffering from cancer. He received a two-year suspended sentence, was fined £268,000 and was expelled from membership of the jockey club. He departed post-haste for America.

But what of racing after 1997, when Britain returns Hong Kong to China? Senior Chinese officials have given the public assurances that there will be no interference. And why not? They probably are rubbing their hands in anticipation of the huge sums that will flow into Peking's till from its southernmost flank.

Burt Okley

Curtain goes up on a new stage drama

THEATRE

In recent years theatre has become one of the most vital forms of artistic expression for the young generation of Hong Kong.

Completely ignored by the community 15 years ago, and still at the periphery of cultural life, Chinese theatre now claims two full-time professional companies and more than 30 active non-professional groups out of 300 registered with the government.

To be fair, the surge of activity in stage drama is no more than a promising start. Standards are generally

amateurish, but for a city with little tradition for this art the current state of affairs is heartening.

The crowning monument to the growing status of drama and other performing arts is the new HK\$300 million (£26.8 million) Academy for Performing Arts (APA), which was officially inaugurated in February this year, paid for by The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club.

The government will meet the recurrent costs of running the academy, budgeted at HK\$49 million (£4.4 million) for the academic year 1986-87. "No teaching academy in the UK has theatre facilities like we do here," said Basil

Deane, director of the academy, who comes from a professional life of teaching music in universities and conservatories. "The academy is also exceptional in the range of disciplines it covers: music, dance, drama, in both Chinese and western traditions."

The attraction of the APA is the promise of professionalism, and yet, despite its amateurish state, non-professional production is what gives creative vitality to local theatre. The significance of the flourishing of non-professional theatre is that it represents the authentic voice of Hong Kong's own first generation in search of identity.

This is the generation born after the huge immigration in 1949. It lived through the years of youth movements in the 1960s, reacted with mixed feelings to China's Cultural Revolution and its bloody aftermath in the 1970s, and has since striven to find the shape of its unique identity in the face of the 1997 deadline.

Through non-professional theatre, the gradual unfolding of the social and spiritual implications of this odyssey has been played out with verve on stage.

Chinese traditional theatre has only verse plays and operas. The history of stage drama is brief. It will celebrate its 30th birthday next year.

Historically, this art form was introduced by overseas students as a vehicle for promoting social reforms and introducing "modern culture".

Social and self-critical concerns have remained the main themes of Chinese stage drama and boom periods coincided with times of strife and disorientation in the first decades of the Republic and during the Japanese invasion in the 1930s.

The popularity of stage drama among young intellectuals in Hong Kong today is in part a continuation of this tradition. In part it is also an inadvertent result of policy.

Perhaps of all the art forms stage drama is most suitable to Hong Kong for articulating intellectual messages. For the last 30 years nearly every important breakthrough in Chinese art has been initiated in Taiwan: poetry in the 1960s, fiction in the early 1970s, followed by dance, and then sculpture and film.

Stage drama is the exception. One reason for this is the accessibility of foreign literature in Hong Kong. Another is the government's support of the performing arts. In cultural matters, especially until the start of Sino-British talks, the general tendency of the colonial government has been a subtle suppression of Chinese identity and discouragement of genuine intellectual interests.

This is still reflected in the language policy and policies of school education. In mass culture the attitude is to keep the people entertained: music, dance, horse-racing - it is all harmless and pleasant.

Government cultural funds have, therefore, concentrated in the performing arts. The first landmark of this policy was the City Hall and Concert Hall complex completed in 1962. The first wave of serious Hong Kong post-revolution dramas appeared quietly in the 1960s under such an umbrella.

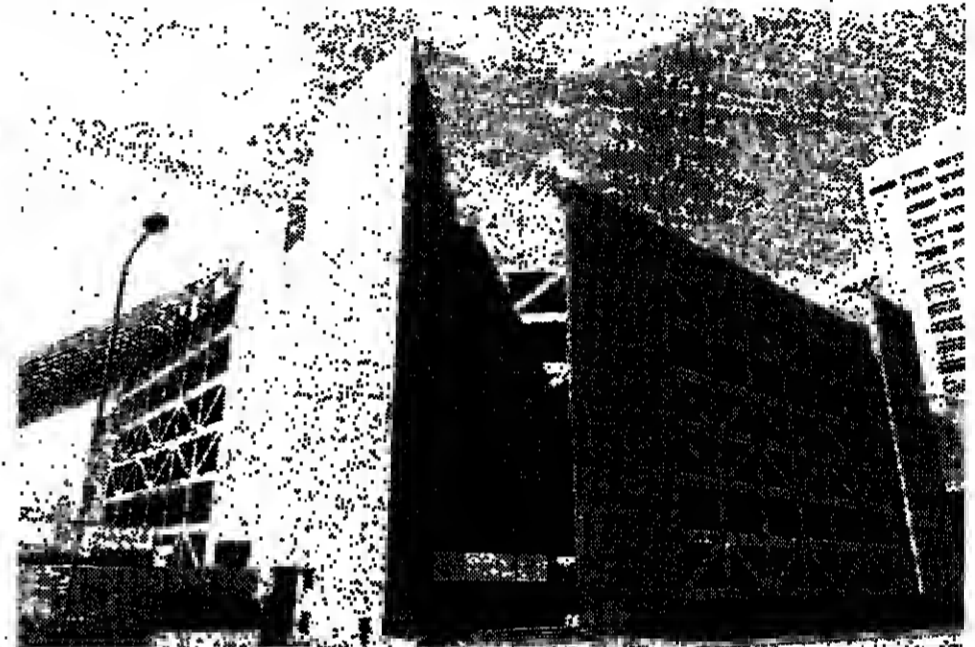
In the 1960s and early 1970s local dramas were mainly university student productions. In keeping with the spirit of the time the themes were mostly philosophical.

Then the focus gradually shifted to social issues and the early post-Cultural Revolution years brought in waves of cultural "troop" searching. These plays attracted a small crowd, mostly students and young intellectuals, and had little influence outside their own coterie of enthusiasts.

The major annual drama events throughout the 1970s were the Hong Kong Student Bureau Drama Festival, terminated in 1983, and later the Urban Council's Drama Festival.

On an incomparably grander scale, government-sponsored performance arts programmes such as the successful annual Asian Arts Festival have also helped to create a theatre audience, although the programme in drama is understandably tame.

The idea for the APA was first mooted in the 1970s; the first professional drama company, Hong Kong Repertory



Monument to drama: the new £26 million Academy for Performing Arts in Hong Kong

Theatre, was established in 1977 by the Urban Council.

The most significant development in local theatre came in the 1980s and coincided with a radical change in the social-political climate after the start of the Sino-British negotiations on Hong Kong's future. Amateur groups mushroomed and community theatre proliferated.

The theme which has since fired everyone's imagination is the historical-cultural identity of the Hong Kong Chinese. The 1997 deadline has created a defensive stance with regards mainland China, and the reinforcement of a Hong Kong identity represents a staying force against increasing Chinese influence.

Politically motivated plays, such as 1841, Hong Kong Selected Memories and Hong Kong Trilogy, have appeared in great number. Some, like 1 Am Hong Kong, have even become quite influential.

The new political situation has also affected the view of the government, which now appears happy to go along with this trend. Ironically, the attitude of "keeping the people entertained" is now supported by the future masters of Hong Kong, the Communist Chinese, whose spokesman dismissed local political wor-

ries by saying that Hong Kong will be kept happy with horse-racing and night-clubbing. One would expect pressure for censorship to come from this quarter in the future.

The fear of the earnest theatre enthusiasts at this point is that the drive for academic professionalism under government support is beginning to divert creative attention from the lifeblood of Chinese stage drama, that of raw social comment and critical reflection.

The most powerful and urgent expressions of dramatic art are still found in the non-professional productions, but they survive on enthusiasm rather than proper funding.

Government support for non-professional drama for the year 1985-86 was only about HK\$150,000 (£13,400), which comes out of the Council for Performing Arts' total budget of HK\$15 million (£1.3 million). Dr Deane of APA points out that, as a per capita rate, the Hong Kong government is spending only a tenth of what Britain is spending on the arts.

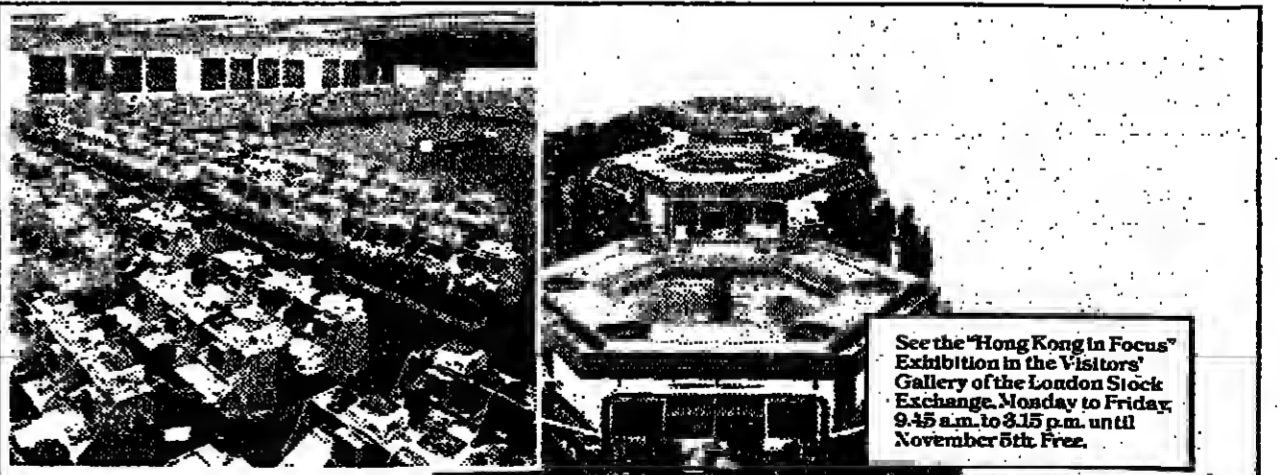
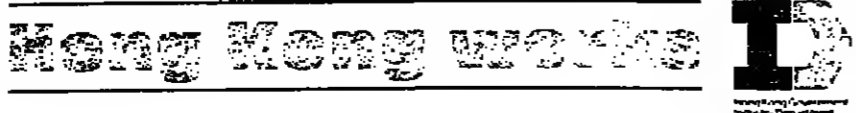
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A guide to career opportunity

The helpful home officers

John Scott-Davies, estates manager for Tandridge Council in Surrey, speaking for himself and not the authority, believes in home ownership and the sale of council properties to tenants. But he is afraid that, as a result, job prospects for housing managers in the public sector are going to be blighted.

When this point of view was put to John Bennett, chairman of the south east branch of the Institute of Housing and also a chief housing officer, he did not agree. "There will always be a role for the public sector in the provision of housing," he said. "The debate is about the size of the sector."

Today, more than 60 per cent of the nation's households are owner occupied, but there is a likely ceiling to this trend, thought to be between 70 and 80 per cent. Some people just don't want to own their own homes and others are not in a position to buy.

Between them, local authorities and housing associations manage roughly 29 per cent of all rented homes (flats and houses) in the UK. Private landlords control 11 per cent. While the majority of housing managers work for local authorities and housing associations, a few find posts with the larger private landlords, or possibly with firms of chartered surveyors, administering large estates.

There may also be more openings in future with building societies: at least

Building societies may soon move into the renting sector

one has promoted the idea publicly that building societies and other private sector institutions should take an interest in the provision of rented housing.

The traditional role of housing officers has always been the management of council estates and flats; arranging lettings, collecting rent, chasing rent arrears, seeing about repairs and maintenance, advising tenants, and planning future provision.

In recent years they have taken on new responsibilities, including buildings for sale and the provision of mortgages and improvement grants to owner occupiers. By acting as agents and seeing improvements through, they can assist the elderly to remain in their own, now much more conveniently planned homes. They may also run housing aid centres, where they advise on the problems of those who live in the privately rented sector.

Though some housing officers deal with a variety of work, there is a growing tendency to specialize in fields such as homelessness, sheltered housing for the elderly, private sector urban renewal, or rent arrears and county court work.

At Tandridge, an ex-police officer chosen for his warmth and humanity, is gypsy officer. This authority has put gypsies on the housing waiting list in the

With more and more council tenants buying their homes, jobs for housing managers could be reduced.
Joan Llewelyn Owens looks at the prospects

hope that they will become integrated with the community, that their children will attend school regularly, and that some of the more irresponsible aspects of gypsy behaviour will alter for the better.

Mr Scott-Davies' career has been fairly typical, though more graduates are entering the profession today. He joined Swansea housing department as a student and studied for the Institute of Housing's examinations by day-release and correspondence course.

During this time he did all the basic jobs, including rent collection. This led him into some bizarre situations. One old lady dug a hole in the kitchen floor, filled it with water and kept ducks, and an old gentleman, obsessed with cats, never threw away a tin of cat food, but stacked them like a supermarket display.

When people get to this sort of state it is often the housing officer who alerts the social services. Some councils have now phased out doorstep rent collection in favour of other methods and Mr Scott-Davies feels a certain amount of regret about this.

When he collected rents, he often carried messages from one elderly house-bound person to another, or did little jobs like replacing light bulbs or putting plants in the garden.

Helping people in this way and helping them to acquire a home where they can express themselves give housing staff much satisfaction. Some may not care for having to work under the political direction of the elected councillors. The more senior the officers are, the more likely they are to be involved in ensuring that political decisions are carried through.

From Swansea, Mr Scott-Davies went as a housing assistant to Bracknell Development Corporation. His next move was to Hammersmith as a senior officer. In Tandridge he is a principal officer with a staff of ten. His task as estates manager embraces all the normal activities of a landlord with tenants.

He likes to be accessible to staff and to tenants and attends evening meetings of tenants' associations. He also goes to meetings of the council's housing committee, where he speaks on rent arrears and presents cases where eviction

is recommended. "Fortunately, eviction is not normally carried through if arrears are reduced," he says.

His next promotion is likely to involve another move, and this seems to be the pattern if one wishes to get ahead in housing management.

Becoming a chief officer or director of housing is not too easy today for the person who has qualifications solely in housing. Some councils are setting up combined departments in which housing and, most commonly, environmental health, form one directorate.

Often the post goes to the person with the environmental health qualification, though there are some chief officers, responsible for both health and housing, who have arrived via the housing route.

It is because of what he sees as shrinking career opportunities that Mr Scott-Davies suggests that a student interested in housing might find it prudent to obtain a combined degree in housing with finance, conservation, technology, or specialist need (elderly and mental handicap). This would ensure that future changes in housing could be embraced whilst enabling a second career to be considered if necessary.

Another possibility would be to study for the qualifications of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

School-leavers have a number of options open. With A levels they can

Rent collecting also served many useful social functions

take a degree or BTEC HND/C; certain BTEC higher awards, degrees and post-graduate diplomas have a relevant housing content and earn exemptions from the Institute of Housing's own examinations.

Alternatively, they can find a job and study part-time for the Institute's own professional qualification (PQ). Those without A levels can take a relevant BTEC national diploma/certificate, recognized by the Institute for enrolment in the PQ programme.

The Institute reports that there are plenty of jobs in housing for school leavers and graduates, particularly if they are prepared to look towards the London or metropolitan boroughs.

Such places have decentralization programmes, involving the creation of posts for local management officers, in order to get away from the image of the big town hall.

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This is a new and exciting position for a legal secretary with a minimum of 5 years experience in a firm of solicitors. The successful candidate will be responsible for the day to day running of the firm and will be required to travel to various locations. The position offers a challenging and varied role. For further details and application form please contact: Tel 01-629 8322 Mrs Greenwood

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

Director of Building Services and Planning

Applications are invited for the post of Director of Building Services and Planning which falls vacant on 1st January, 1987.

The successful applicant will be responsible to the University Court for the planning and maintenance of University buildings, services, grounds and related work.

Candidates should have an extensive knowledge of the construction industry including contract procedures, with both refurbishment and new works.

The post is placed on Grade IV of the salary scales for Academic-Related Administrative Staff at a salary in excess of £20,000 p.a. The appointee will become a member of the University's Superannuation Scheme.

Further particulars should be sought from the Director of Personnel Services, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G2 8QQ, to whom applications (3 copies) with the names and addresses of three referees, should be sent on or before 17th November, 1986. In reply please quote Ref No. 5809E.

Broads Authority

Assistant Broads Officer (Administration)

Grade PO 41-44
£14,862-£16,011 p.a.

Applications are invited for this key post with the Broads Authority, a leading environmental organisation. The Government is currently proposing statutory status for the Broads, an area of national importance for conservation and recreation.

The Assistant Broads Officer (Administration) will be directly responsible to the Principal Adviser for all administrative, financial and personnel matters of the Authority, including the monitoring of major issues and the development of policy.

The Authority is seeking a person with a lively, equipping mind and proven administrative record, supported by a degree and/or professional qualification.

For further details and application form please send a large stamped addressed envelope to: Mr Allan Clark (Principal Adviser) Broads Authority (Applications) Thees Hurley House 18 Colgate Norwich NR3 1BA
Closing date for applications: 10 November 1986.

DAVIES'S COLLEGE

Required for January 1987, or as soon as possible

A VICE-PRINCIPAL (Administration)

STARTING SALARY c.£16,500

The Principal expects to retire within five years.

Prospective applicants should write to him for details.

DAVIES'S COLLEGE
66 Southampton Row, Holborn WC1B 4BY
(Incorporated independent North Fenn College, Founded 1927)

JOURNALIST FOR LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN REGION

CHRISTIAN AID requires an experienced journalist to write news releases and articles on the Region for both external and internal publication. Will be responsible for contacts with the media and for providing general information. He/she will normally be required to travel to the Region for about six weeks a year.

Proven ability as a journalist, an active interest in Latin American affairs, first hand knowledge of the area and fluent Spanish are essential. Candidates should be in sympathy with the aims and philosophy of Christian Aid.

Salary: £11,130. Apply in writing only for job description and application form, enclosing 24p s.a.c. to Personnel Officer, Christian Aid, PO Box No 1, London SW9 8BH.

Closing date for completed applications: November 3rd.

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THE CHURCHES IN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

SUTTON VALENCE SCHOOL

APPOINTMENT OF BURSAR

The Governors invite applications for the appointment of Bursar at this independent (HMC) school near Maidstone in Kent. The present Bursar retires in April 1987 and the successful applicant will be expected to take up the appointment from May 1987 or at a date to be arranged.

Candidates should have a wide experience of accountancy, budgetary control and personnel management. The salary will not be less than £15,000 p.a.

Further details of the School and the appointment may be obtained from the Clerk and Receiver, United Westminster Schools, 53 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HJ.

Closing date for applications is 12th November 1986.

SHROPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(An Equal Opportunity Employer)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

£36,393 to £40,029 p.a.

The Council wishes to recruit a successor to the present Chief Executive who will retire in May next year.

Applications are invited from persons with considerable experience at a senior level in a large organisation, not necessarily a local authority.

No specific professional qualifications are prescribed.

The Chief Executive leads the Chief Officers Management Team but currently is free from departmental responsibilities.

Further details and application form for the post may be obtained from:

Chief Executive, Shropshire County Council, The Shire, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND
or telephone Shrewsbury (0743) 252806
Application forms must be returned no later than 27th October.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (HOUSING)

The Maintenance Division is responsible for the repair and maintenance of approximately 7,000 houses and flats by both direct and contract labour. A computerised system for online ordering and control of all repairs is in operation on an IBM Mainframe computer. Pre-decoration external repairs, and external and internal redecorations are carried out on a planned basis. The Council have approved an accelerated programme of special repairs, improvements and modernisation.

New posts have been added to the Division's establishment to cater for the increased workload.

Building Maintenance Manager £13,593-£14,808 (Essential User Car Allowance) (Ref: O/148/86)

The postholder will be responsible to the Housing Manager for the Division comprising a workforce of 45, with a budget of some £3½ million, for ensuring that works to the Council's housing stock is undertaken in an effective and accountable manner, to provide quality service and value for money. A relevant qualification, management ability and experience, plus drive and enthusiasm is essential.

Senior Technical Officer £10,902-£12,630 (Essential User Car Allowance) (Ref: O/149/86)

To head a small section involved with major repairs and improvements on a contract basis. A sound knowledge of building construction and techniques is required plus the ability to prepare drawings and specifications etc., HNC in building or equivalent is essential, and preferably experience in managing a small workforce.

Clerk of Works £7,644-£9,549 (Essential User Car Allowance) (Ref: O/150/86)

To supervise and inspect major works in progress on site, including checking measurements, issuing instructions, maintaining records and preparing progress reports, and liaising with tenants and tenants' groups. Sound practical knowledge of building trade and relevant experience required. ONC in Building, or equivalent, or membership of Institute of Clerk of Works.

Direct Labour Superintendent £9,846-£10,497 (Casual User Car Allowance) (Ref: O/152/86)

To supervise a direct labour force, approximately 20, and to control the operation of a joiner's shop in compliance with the requirements for the Planning and Land Acts (part 3). A thorough technical knowledge of building, experience in supervision and control of a small multi-trade works department. Ideally applicants should be members of the Institute of Maintenance and Building Management, or progressing in studies to final stage.

All these posts are available to male and female applicants. Assistance with housing, full removal expenses, flexitime, Superannuation and Sick Pay Schemes. Further details and application forms, to be returned by 29th October 1986, may be obtained from: The Personnel and Management Services Officer, Town Hall, Watford WD1 3EX. (Tel: Watford 40175-24 hour Ansafone service) The Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer 88-BD/W47/386

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Head of Administrative Services £17,109-£18,249 incl.

Are you looking for a Senior Management opportunity at the centre of corporate affairs, with an opportunity to demonstrate commitment and personality? If so you may be the person we need for this newly created post.

This key Management role will have responsibility for the day-to-day management of the Personnel, Management Services, Committee, Administrative and Information Sections who currently report to the Chief Executive, and will provide direct support to the Chief Executive with information gathering, briefing, progress chasing and representing him at meetings.

The post could suit qualified people from many professional backgrounds but those with less than ten years relevant experience are unlikely to have the necessary authority which the post requires.

The Council's offices are within easy reach of rail connections to Central London and the area is well served with motorways: the M1, M4, M40 and M25 being easily accessible. Generous financial assistance towards relocation will be available.

Application form and job description are available from: The Personnel Section, Three Rivers District Council, 17/23 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts or telephone Rickmansworth (0923) 776611, ext. 117. Closing date for applications, 7th November 1986.

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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Substantial benefits

This is a quite exceptional opportunity to join a small expanding dynamic firm, with a blue chip client list.

Candidates must have a proven track record, at senior level, in the City dealing with all aspects of listed company work. Their ambitions will extend beyond being a Partner in a megafirm.

The terms will be very attractive to the right candidate, with excellent long term prospects.

Replies, with full CVs, which will be treated in complete confidence by ourselves and our client, to whom all applications will be forwarded unless a covering letter instructs otherwise, to Gregory T M Hinds, quoting Ref. HT574.

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Legal Adviser

The ideal candidate will be a qualified lawyer with at least 3 years' post-qualifying experience in a large organisation be it in the practice, commercial or financial environment. Key elements of the job content would be analysing the Financial Services Bill (and the prospective Banking Bill), setting up a framework for providing inhouse legal advisory services on a whole range of issues, reviewing control procedures for procurement of legal advice from external sources and managing the Bank's existing relationships with external legal advisers. An element of corporate secretarial duties is also envisaged. Experience of and/or an

interest in tax law is desirable but not essential. An attractive remuneration package will be offered commensurate with past experience and potential. If you feel able to meet the challenge please send your CV with daytime telephone number and salary expectation to either: Shashi Tanna, Assistant General Manager, Corporate Planning; or John Harlusty, Manager, Human Resources, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 55 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3JN. 01-638 9858.

CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE

TVHS

Operating from offices in Twickenham, the Society manage a predominantly new building stock of 1,500 properties in West London and the adjoining Home Counties. The development pipeline will increase this stock to about 1,700 properties by 1987/88. The Society also provide agency services to other housing associations.

We require the following staff: BUILDING SERVICES MANAGER

£15,000 + Company Car
The Building Services Manager will lead a small team and be responsible for the organisation, administration and implementation of the society's maintenance and major repairs functions. Ideally suitable candidates should have a working knowledge of computerised maintenance administration systems, have several years' relevant experience of the housing/building industry and hold a relevant professional qualification.

The successful candidate will also be a member of the Society's Management Team responsible for the Corporate Management of TVHS.

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From £9,000 depending upon experience plus essential car and allowances
TVHS has a diverse fair rent and home ownership development programme currently producing over 100 units per year. Due to an expansion of our development agency work and a commitment to promoting private finance initiatives, a second Development Officer is required.

Familiarity with Housing Corporation procedures would be an advantage, but other appropriate experience will be considered. The ability to use initiative and act independently is important.

Thames Valley Housing Society Ltd is working towards becoming an Equal Opportunities employer and positively welcomes applications from all ethnic groups.

For further details and an application form, please contact: Thames Valley Housing Society Ltd, 1 Kings Street, Twickenham, TW1 3SD. Tel: 01-891 6292. Closing date: 3rd November 1986.

Finance Officer

£17,406 - £18,555 p.a. inc

This is a key position in the Social Services, Administration Division's management structure.

The job - As Finance Officer you will manage a large section providing a full financial service to the department including both the traditional financial housekeeping role and more recently the development of new initiatives in management accountancy. Particular emphasis is placed on long term financial planning, cash flow forecasting, unit budgeting and the provision of advice to the Directorate on budgetary control and value for money initiatives. The department is also committed to the development of new technology applications.

The Person - We feel that to undertake this role successfully you must hold the CIPFA qualification, be a lateral thinker and have a strong interest in the operational side of local authority work.

If you would like to know more please contact Colin Keen on 01-871 6297. Application form and job description from Director of Social Services, Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Tel: 01-871 6236. Quoting ref. T/480. Closes 1st November.

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North West Thames REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Support Services Manager NORTH LONDON BLOOD TRANSFUSION CENTRE

We're not after your blood - But we could make use of your drive and experience.

The North London Blood Transfusion Centre is one of the largest and busiest in the country, its 240 staff collecting, processing and supplying over 200,000 units of blood to hospitals in North West Thames Health Region every year.

We are looking for a person who is keen to pursue a career in the health service but who wishes the scope to develop his or her style of management.

Your role would be to manage a variety of support services, at the Edgware based centre including data processing, finance and personnel and generally looking after the day to day running of the centre.

You would also be liaising with medical, scientific and clerical staff in drawing up and implementing operational plans in all sections of the centre. You would also play a key role in the planning and commissioning of a new centre during the next four years.

This is an exciting and challenging job in a vital area of the health service and if you are a blood donor, all the better because we need every drop we can get.

Applications form and job description available from the Employee Services Unit, North West Thames Regional Health Authority, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 3QR. Telephone number 01-262 8011 Ext. 3120 quoting Reference Number 269.

Closing date: 7 November 1986.

BSI Standards for Industry

British Standards are produced by consensus through committees drawn from the full range of industrial, Government, professional and consumer interests. Our Technical Officers are full contributing members of these committees and play a direct and important part in the preparation of Standards. Their duties combine project management, committee administration and specification drafting. They also advise committees on standardization principles and on BSI policy and procedures.

We are looking for Technical Officers in the following areas:

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ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

As well as evidence of strong interpersonal and communications skills, essential qualifications are a Degree or equivalent in a relevant subject and/or corporate membership of an appropriate professional body combined with experience in industry.

Starting salary: £13,638 pa, pension plan, 5 weeks' annual leave. Relocation assistance will be paid in appropriate cases.

Detailed information and an application form can be obtained from: Elspeth MacArthur, Senior Personnel Officer, BSI, 2 Park Street, London W1A 2BS. Telephone: 01-629 9000. Ext 3066.

WEALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Audit Section has been the subject of a review which has produced a new staffing structure with the intention of creating both higher and lower posts and a growth in services - particularly leisure.

PRINCIPLE AUDITOR

£13,633-£14,475
The post holder will rank second to the Chief Auditor and have particular responsibilities for the investigation and systems review. The successful applicant will be a qualified accountant or alternative discipline, able to offer full and enthusiastic support to the Council's activities.

SENIOR AUDITOR

£10,588-£12,297
We are seeking a suitably qualified auditor with relevant experience who can carry out audits, systems and control audits, as well as contributing to WMA studies and use of computers as an audit tool. Both posts are situated in new offices at Hailsham, East Sussex and carry equal user allowance and access to our loan facilities. Assistance with relocation expenses, including mortgage liability, is available in appropriate cases.

Further details and application forms can be obtained from Personnel, Staffing, Resource Team, Crawley, East Sussex. Or via Crawley 3711, extension 402. Closing date 31st October 1986.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH CHAIR OF ACCOUNTING

Applications are invited for a newly established second Chair of Accounting in the Department of Accounting and Business Method. Candidates should have an excellent research record and a proven ability to relate academic developments to the interests of the accounting community. Applications will be welcomed from candidates who have specialised in any area of accounting, whether in higher education, practice or consultancy/industry. It is desirable, but not absolutely essential, that the successful candidate should hold a professional accountancy qualification. The appointee will be expected to support and coordinate research within the Department, and will be involved fully in its teaching programme.

Further particulars of the appointment are available from: The Secretary to the University of Edinburgh, 63 South Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1J5 (Telephone 031 668 3568) to whom applications (three copies) should be submitted by 21st November 1986, quoting reference 01/86. Applicants from overseas need submit only one copy of their application.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTRE (University of London)

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The London Hospital and The London Hospital Medical College are seeking to appoint a full-time Fund Raiser to spearhead and co-ordinate fund raising activities.

The post will be for two years initially with the prospect of a renewable contract at the end of that period.

The successful candidate will probably be between 30-45 with a proven record of success in the field of fund-raising or marketing.

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Further details and application form available from Mr D L Edwards, Secretary, The London Hospital Medical College, London E1 2AD. Telephone 01-377-7668.

Applications should be submitted within 18 days of the date of this advertisement.

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Salary £11,964-£15,870 p.a. inclusive

Responsible for the Director of a national charity concerned with International Education and Welfare of Overseas Students in the UK. For financial management, costing of activities, project administration, fund raising, staffing and premises matters, for the overview of office systems, internal services and membership matters and for administration relating to the A&W.

All applicants should send a full CV and the names of referees to: The Director, United Kingdom Council for Overseas Student Affairs, 80 Wandsworth Grove, London, W2 5SR. Telephone 01 229 8288.

Closing date for applications: 14th November 1986

SENIOR CONVEYANCER

Applications are invited from experienced and enthusiastic Legal Executives with drive and initiative for the Legal Department serving the Bovis Housing South East Division at their office in New Ash Green, Kent.

The successful applicant will have responsibility for major acquisitions, commercial and residential lettings and estate development. The salary will reflect the importance of the post and will include a company car. Excellent terms of employment are offered.

Applications marked 'Confidential', giving full c.v., should be made to: A. J. Biddle, Legal Manager, Bovis Homes Limited, South East Region, The Manor House, North Ash Road, New Ash Green, near Dartford, Kent DA3 8JE.

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The successful applicant will undertake a wide range of work, including company acquisitions, joint ventures (at home and overseas), intellectual property and contract drafting.

Please send full personal and career details to Confidential Reply Service, Ref BBC 9424, Austin Knight Advertising, 17 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6AS.

Applications will be forwarded to the client concerned, therefore companies in which you are not interested should be listed in a covering letter to the Confidential Reply Supervisor.

Assistant Secretary

Beecham Pharmaceuticals Research Division is part of Beecham Group plc, a major British company with worldwide sales exceeding £2bn p.a. The Division comprises some 9 research centres located in S.E. England and Europe with over 1800 staff.

The Assistant Secretary reports to the Divisional Secretary/Head of Administration Services and is based at the pleasantly situated Divisional headquarters at Brockham Park, near Dorking, Surrey. Responsibilities include handling a variety of property, insurance, contractual and other legal matters, and necessitate regular contact with management at all levels and external consultants.

Applicants should be solicitors or barristers, preferably with 2/3 years post qualification experience. An attractive salary is offered together with non-contributory pension, flexible working hours, and relocation expenses if appropriate. There are good prospects for career progression in the company.

Applications enclosing a CV, and indicating current salary should be sent to: The Personnel Manager, Beecham Pharmaceuticals, Brockham Park, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7AJ.

Beecham Pharmaceuticals

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Good salary, demanding and varied workload.

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Ref. MA

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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Because of growth we need four more Solicitors, two for our London office and two for our Guildford office. Two of the vacancies (one in each office) are for people who would handle a wide range of commercial matters. One vacancy (in Guildford) involves work with an emphasis on insurance policy disputes, mainly marine. The other vacancy (in London) is for someone to deal mainly with reinsurance problems. There will be opportunities for foreign travel, and work in our Hong Kong office. We offer you stimulating work in a friendly office, with a competitive salary and exceptionally good prospects.

If you are ambitious, have a good academic background and a sense of humour, write, quoting reference 2159, to our Consultant Mrs Indira Brown, 6 Westminster Palace Gardens, Artillery Row, London SW1P 1RL or if you would like to discuss this opportunity phone me on 01-222 5555, or on 01-480 6666 between 8.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

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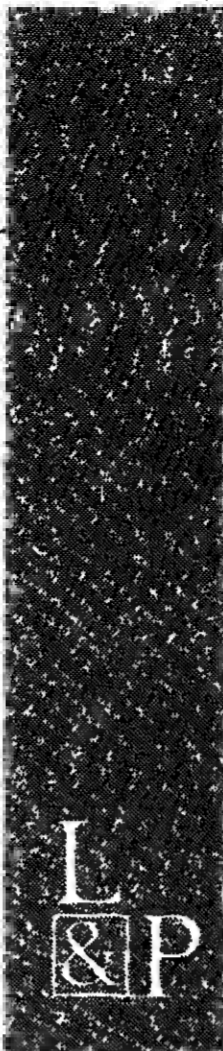
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European Law Report

Strasbourg

Transsexual's rights not breached

Rees v United Kingdom
Before R. Rysdal, President and Judges Thór Vilhjálmsson, D. Bindschedler-Robert, G. Lagergren, F. Golcuklu, F. Matscher, J. Pinheiro Fariña, L.-E. Pettiti, B. Walsh, Sir Vincent Evans, C. Russo, R. Bernhard, J. Gering, A. Spielmann and A. Donner (Case No 2/1985/88/135) (Judgment October 17)

The European Court of Human Rights rejected, by twelve votes to three, the claim of Mr Mark Rees, a transsexual, that he was a victim of national legislation and practices contrary to his right to respect for his private life, enshrined in article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, and, unanimously, his claim that the impossibility under English law for him to enter into a valid contract of marriage with a woman amounted to a violation of his right to marry as guaranteed by article 12 of the convention.

At birth, in 1942, the applicant possessed all the physical and biological characteristics of a child of the female sex. However, from a tender age the child started to exhibit masculine behaviour and was ambiguous in appearance.

Treatment for sexual conversion began in 1970 and the applicant changed her female forenames in masculine ones in 1971. He had been living as a male ever since and he was socially accepted as such.

In 1977 he changed his name again, to Mark Nicholas Alban Rees, his present name. Except for his birth certificate, all official documents today refer to him by his new name and the prefix "Mr", where such prefix was used. His application to have also the birth register corrected so as to reflect his change of sexual identity was turned down by the Registrar General on November 25, 1980.

In the United Kingdom no uniform, general decision had been adopted either by the legislature or by the courts as to the civil status of post-operative transsexuals.

However, with regard to marriage, for example, which under English law was open only to persons of opposite sex, the

established case-law was that of the four criteria typically determining sex - chromosomal, gonadal, genital and psychological factors. The first three, that is, the biological ones, determined whether the persons concerned were respectively man and woman.

Furthermore there was no integrated system of civil status registration, but only separate registers for births, marriages, deaths and adoptions, which recorded the relevant events in the manner they occurred, that is, as historical facts, without, except in special circumstances (such as adoption or legitimation), mentioning changes (of name, address, etc) which in other states were registered.

Persons were free to change their names at will with little or no formality. Civil status certificates or equivalent current identity documents were not issued or renewed. Where some form of identification was needed, that was normally met by the production of a driving licence or a passport.

Sexual reassignment operations were permitted without legal formalities. The operations and treatment might, as in the case of Mr Rees, be carried out under the National Health Service.

In its report of December 12, 1984, the European Commission of Human Rights expressed the unanimous opinion that there had been a breach of article 8 but not of article 12.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as follows: Although the essential object of article 8 was to protect the individual against arbitrary interference by the public authorities, there might in addition be positive obligations inherent in an effective respect for private life, albeit subject to the state's margin of appreciation.

In the present case it was the existence and scope of such "positive" obligations which had to be determined. The mere refusal to alter the register of births or to issue birth certificates with the changed name and nature of the applicant's birth register could not be considered as interferences.

The notion of "respect" was not clear-cut, especially as far as positive obligations were concerned: having regard to the diversity of the practices followed and the situations obtaining in the contracting states, the notion's requirements would vary considerably from case to case.

There was at present little common ground between the contracting states in this area and that, generally speaking, the law appears to be in a transitional stage.

Accordingly, this was an area in which the contracting parties enjoy a wide margin of appreciation. Rees must therefore be held to have struck the fair balance that had to be struck between the general interest of the community and the interests of the individual, the search for which balance was the task of the whole of the contracting states.

In striking this balance the Commission mentioned in the second paragraph of article 8 might be of a certain relevance.

The United Kingdom had endeavoured to meet the applicant's demands as far as possible under its existing system, in which the birth certificate was a record of historical fact only and there was no provision for legally valid civil status certificates.

In those circumstances, the striking of a fair balance could not be considered to require what would from one perspective seem to be the essence of the applicant's demands, namely, the introduction of a new type of documentation showing and constituting proof of current civil status.

Such a change had not hitherto been considered necessary in the United Kingdom, would have important administrative consequences and would impose new duties on the rest of the population.

Interpreted somewhat more narrowly, the applicant's complaint could be seen as a request to have an incidental adjustment in the form of an annotation to the present birth register, and kept secret from third parties.

However, the striking of the requisite balance could not be considered to call for such a secret annotation either: it would involve difficult prob-

lems in many areas of public interest, for example by complicating factual issues arising in family and succession law, which could be overcome only by detailed legislation as to the effects of the change in various contexts and as to the circumstances in which secrecy should yield to the public interest.

Accordingly, there was no breach of article 8 in the circumstances of the present case.

That being so, it had for the time being to be left to the respondent state to determine in what extent it could meet the remaining demands of transsexuals. However, the court was conscious of the seriousness of the problems affecting those persons and the distress they suffered.

The Convention had always to be interpreted and applied in the light of current circumstances. The need for appropriate legal measures should therefore be kept under review having regard particularly to scientific and societal developments.

In so far as the alleged violation of article 12 was concerned, in the Court's opinion the right to marry referred to the traditional marriage between persons of opposite biological sex. That appeared also from the wording of the article which made it clear that article 12 was mainly concerned to protect marriage as the basis of the family.

Furthermore, article 12 laid down that the exercise of that right should be subject to the national laws of the contracting states. The limitations thereby introduced must not restrict or reduce the right in such a way or to such an extent that the very essence of the right was impaired.

However, the legal impediment in the United Kingdom on the marriage of persons who were not of the opposite biological sex could not be said to have an effect of that kind.

There was accordingly no violation in the present case of article 12 of the Convention.

Judges D. Bindschedler-Robert, C. Russo and J. Gering expressed a dissenting opinion with regard to article 8.

JUDO: KAREN BRIGGS IS A NAME WRIT LARGE IN THE DOJO OF FAME

World is on the mat again

By Nicolas Soames

It is only when Karen Briggs, the world bantam-weight champion, strips down to shorts and tee-shirt to do her fitness sprints up and down the dojo (judo hall) that one gets an idea of the sheer power she is capable of unleashing.

Carrying an iron weight in each hand, she drives herself across to the end of the room, spins in one fluent motion and speeds back again. As the well-defined muscles power her over the mat the sweat flies and the eyes are steely and determined and one begins to realize why basic statistics - she is not quite five feet high or eight stones in weight - are fundamentally irrelevant.

The voluminous judo suit in which she fights makes her look less menacing, for it softens the lines and disguises her strength. No wonder many of her opponents get a sharp physical shock when they come to grips in a contest. She has started to crush them mentally even before she begins to display her technical command.

Fitness level that is frightening

That is why she successfully defended her world title two years ago in Vienna and why the odds are that she will do it for the third time in a row on Sunday on the last day of the world championships at Maastricht in The Netherlands.

No foreigner has beaten her in her weight category since 1984. No foreigner has taken more than a minor knock-down score off her in that time, despite the fact that not only has she had to come back from serious injury - she broke her ankle at the beginning of the year - but she also has won big events when, effectively, she was only able to use one leg.

Now she is fit. Frighteningly fit. "It will be nice to go into a major competition without being injured, although in a funny way my judo can be better when I have to work around an injury," she said. "It makes me think more."

She speaks softly, with a strong Hull accent. She could be talking about basket weaving, which is why a radio interviewer with her would be a dead loss - unless the interviewer was kitted out with a throat mike and spent a minute doing judo with her on the mat. The gaps of fear and pain from the shock of being thrown would be very atmospheric, indeed.

For she is not just a world



All Hull breaks loose when Karen Briggs goes to town. (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

champion, but one of the finest examples among British sportsmen and women. She won her first world title in 1982 through fitness, strength, a little technique and a razor-like aggression. She was a terror from Hull who scythed her way through the world's best.

In 1984 in Vienna she was very different, an accomplished fighter, who had grafted technique on to her mental and physical armour. She could throw and she could do groundwork. But now, two more years on, she is simply the best female exponent of judo in the world.

This was acknowledged by Yasuhiro Yamashita, the greatest Japanese champion since the Second World War, who has been in England for three months. "Her judo is very good - the best," Yamashita, who has watched her with interest and respect, said. Of course, no one is unbeatable and she is a marked woman. All her leading oppo-

nents are out to find a chink in her armour. France's Faldinne Boffin probably studies videos of Miss Briggs while mulling her crossroads in the morning. So the pressure is unrelenting. "I think I can handle it," she says with quiet confidence. "I just go into myself. I know that my judo has been better than it has ever been and I have been studying the posture of my main opponents carefully. So I think I am well prepared."

She has made one or two small alterations to her famous stomach throw and tightened up her groundwork - once she has started a manoeuvre, few girls can escape being turned on to their backs and held for the required 30 seconds. This, she is sure, will overcome not only her known opponents, but the unknown quantities, particularly those from the Eastern bloc countries that are making themselves felt in women's judo in preparation for its inclusion in the main Olympic programme in Barcelona in 1992.

Only reputation is at stake in the forthcoming world event. Though the world championships usually take place every two years, they will be held in 1987 in Essen for the first time in conjunction with the men's event. And it will be on those results that the choice of inclusion in the 1988 Olympics, where women's judo will be a demonstration sport, will be made.

With characteristic clarity, Miss Briggs remarks: "I am not thinking any further than these world championships at the moment. If I lose, I may even retire." This was surprising, though it sounded more like a throwaway statement than a definite intention.

Miss Briggs commands the level of respect that Neil Adams commanded when he was world champion in 1981. And in the hard and often misogynist world of judo, there is no greater accolade for a woman.

Law Report October 21 1986

Papers protected by public interest immunity

Taylor v Anderson
Before Mr Justice Scott (Judgment October 16)

There was no jurisdiction under Order 29, rule 7A of the Rules of the Supreme Court to order discovery of the documents or information upon the strength of which search warrants had been obtained, on May 7, 1986, of the plaintiff's home, of the offices of a

company controlled by him, and of the offices of his accountants.

While there might be power under the court's inherent jurisdiction to make such an order in appropriate cases, the document or documents in question were of a class to which public interest immunity attached and in the present case there was no such unreasonable delay as would justify the conclusion

that the public interest immunity had been lost.

It would be absurd for the court to order disclosure of such material when a definitive decision from the Director of Public Prosecutions on whether or not to prosecute the plaintiff for alleged fraud was imminent.

His Lordship so held in the Chancery Division in proceedings brought by the plaintiff, Kevin Taylor, against Cyril James Anderson, Chief Constable of Manchester and against the Greater Manchester Police Authority, seeking disclosure of documents leading to the grant of search warrants.

Mr Robin de Wilde for the plaintiff, Mr Jeremy Gompertz for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that the search warrants were identical in form, save that they related to different addresses; they recorded that the police officer concerned had reasonable cause to believe that there had been a conspiracy to defraud the Co-operative Bank of some £240,000.

Nothing of any relevance was found when the business premises were searched, but a large amount of private correspondence and some photograph albums were removed from the plaintiff's home.

The plaintiff contended that the searches had been carried out without any reasonable probable cause, and that their execution had been excessive in that the personal correspondence and photograph albums were not covered by the warrants.

At an early stage Mr de Wilde conceded that there was no potential cause of action against the police authority, which had been joined on the basis of vicarious liability, and therefore the proceedings against the authority were dismissed.

The first defendant would be amenable to an order for discovery if an alleged tort were established.

Mr Gompertz resisted the claim to discovery on three grounds: 1 that there was no jurisdiction under Order 29, rule 7A of the Rules of the Supreme Court, or section 33 of the Supreme Court Act 1981;

2 that the document or documents of which discovery was sought were covered by public interest immunity; and 3 that section 35(1) of the Act provided that the High Court should not make an order under section 33 or 34, if it considered compliance with the order would be likely to be injurious to the public interest.

His first submission was correct, the other two ran on parallel lines.

The purpose of the discovery sought was essentially to learn the contents, and that did not turn the documents sought into "property" which might become the subject matter of subsequent proceedings.

His Lordship did not wish, on this application, to hold that the court's inherent jurisdiction could not be invoked.

After referring to Norwich Pharmacal Co v Customs and Excise Commissioners (1974) AC 133, and in accordance with the Commission v Rossminster Ltd (1980) AC 952, his Lordship said that a stage had recently been reached when the papers were before the Director of Public Prosecutions, and a decision was imminent on whether or not proceedings were to be instituted.

There was nothing particularly unusual in a two-year lapse between the start of a police investigation and a decision to prosecute in relation to cases of alleged commercial fraud.

His Lordship was not prepared to conclude that there had been excessive delay on the part of the police. In such circumstances it would be absurd to consider that the decision was imminent. The action would be dismissed with costs.

Solicitors: Edwin Cox & Calder Woods, Mr R. C. Rees, Swinney.

BASKETBALL

United win record threatened

By Nicholas Harling

The longest winning league sequence in English basketball will be threatened at Stratford tonight when Sharp Manchester United attempt to record their 24th successive victory in the Carlsberg National League. It will be no easy task for United as their opponents, Leicester, who came within three points of knocking the league champions out of the Prudential National Cup in Saturday's second round tie on the same court.

United will do well to beat the lessons from that game, when Leicester sank 30 out of 33 free shots in an encounter so physical that the home side finished with one player fouled out and three more on four fouls. Barry Young, Leicester's under-rated 6ft 6in American was the chief victim of United's indiscretions, but he almost made them pay by putting away all his 15 throws from the line to finish with 36 points in all.

"It will obviously be another close game," said Carl Olsson, Leicester's coach, who had no complaints about United's tactics. Since four or less points have now separated the clubs in their last four games, two of which Leicester won in the national championship quarter-final play-off last season to prevent Leicester's relegation to the lower leagues, the Mancunians will once again have to be at their best.

With Young in form, Leicester are just the sort of side to interrupt United's run. "It needs to have an arena to play in," said Olsson. "If it's the right game and the right team then he can turn it on."

On Saturday United, who had led by 18 points with 14 minutes to go, finally emerged as quarter-finalists against Solent, after Leicester had transformed the deficit into a two point lead, before United hit back to take the tie by 113-111.

Gardner - 31 points - was United's top scorer. The other all-Ireland Division men were the way of BCP London who defeated Derby 88-73, which was less than half the winning margin they had achieved against the same opponents in a first division match the previous week. The difference was that this time Derby had Sam Ellis, formerly of Tyneside. Their new American signing was responsible for 19 points.

The other five ties all featured second division clubs against first, but only Leeds Haulage, where Elmer Awardford Royal by nine points early on before succumbing 117-95, came at all close to providing a surprise.

SQUASH RACKETS

Softball rouses the Americans

By Colin McQuillan

While most of Europe was sleeping last night, the leading figures of the fast-developing international squash circuit were launching their latest assault upon the lucrative North American sports scene in the shape of the Mousay United States open championship, at the Texas Club, Houston.

Jahangir Khan, the undefeated world champion, has withdrawn from the Texas field with damaged knee ligaments, but 14 of the world's top 22 squash players are competing in the \$30,000 tournament, along with Mark Talbot and Ned Edwards, the leading American hardball players.

The US Open is a committee's conception of a squash tournament. It is played on a converted racketball court, with an international soft ball, to American hardball rules and scoring and the front wall in has been experimentally lowered two inches, to 17 inches, to encourage adventurous drop shots and shorter rallies.

Next week, the players will move to join a 32-man field at the Carlson Court Club in Toronto to contest the \$50,000 Drakkar Noir Canadian open which is now viewed as a conventional all-glass court with a blue floor, playing with a lemon-coloured ball to normal international rules and scoring. Jahangir Khan is almost certain to return for that.

For the touring professionals, these are two welcome stops on an international circuit which now spans the world and the calendar year. For the international softball game as a whole, they mark significant advance into oew and promising territory previously dominated by another code.

The Americans actually had their handball squash game as a formally organized and registered long before the softball version grew from its English origins to be internationally accepted by half a hundred countries under the banner of the International Squash Rackets Federation. Like baseball and gridiron football, though hardball squash remained firmly limited to the Stars and Stripes. Only neighbouring Canada bothered even to experiment with the faster, simpler, but less satisfying version. In the late 1960s some 10,000 players were involved in the Canadian hardball game. Now the active figure is reckoned to be more than 250,000, mostly playing softball on around 1,500 courts at 400 clubs.

The tide towards softball was encouraged both by commercial club owners and Canadian authorities keen to be involved on the wider international squash scene. Even the Americans accept the logic and though many cling to the hardball game learned at college, others are changing to softball for the summer months and there is a reported 10 per cent annual swing from racketball to international softball squash at American racket clubs.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

McMahon out, so Bears lose

By Colin McQuillan

Minnesota (AP) - Jim McMahon, the quarterback, missed Sunday's match at Minnesota Vikings as the Chicago Bears tasted their second defeat since 1984. Steve Fuller, McMahon's replacement, was manhandled by the Vikings defence, while in contrast Tommy Kramer, the home side quarterback kept the Vikings in contention in the Central division by completing 12 of 18 passes for 239 yards, including two long first-quarter touchdowns.

The Bears never recovered from that onslaught and went down 23-7, leaving the Denver Broncos the last unbeaten club in the NFL this season, but with a tough visit to New York Jets late last night, while the Bears lost a winning sequence of nine league matches.

Green Bay Packers however finally tasted their first victory with a 17-14 win over the Cleveland Browns after storming back from 14-3.

The most important game of the weekend was in the NFC West, but San Francisco 49ers emerged with credit as they forced a 10-10 draw with Atlanta Falcons - Stamps touching down with 1min 33sec of normal time remaining for the Falcons. The scores stayed level in overtime.

RESULTS: Minnesota 23, Chicago 7; Dallas 17, Philadelphia 14; Green Bay 17, New York Jets 14; Cincinnati 31, Houston 21; Buffalo Bills 2, 0 142-148; Kansas City Chiefs 2, 0 181-220; Miami Dolphins 1, 0 181-220; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 2, 0 99-159; St Louis Cardinals 1, 0 99-159.

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RACING

Fourth Tudor fancied to show his liking for Scottish air again

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following that decisive win at Ayr a week ago when he ran away with the valuable Lochranza Handicap in the hands of Tony Geran, Fourth Tudor is napped to record his third success in a row in the Whirlies Handicap at Hamilton today when he will be ridden by the same able young apprentice.

At Ayr, Fourth Tudor beat Common Farm pulling up by seven lengths, even though his weight that day included a penalty for winning a handicap on today's course by five lengths.

The dramatic improvement that Fourth Tudor has made this autumn can be attributed, in part at least, to wearing blinkers. Provided that the startling effect does not now begin to wear off, I think that, with Geran reducing his weight to 8st 8lb by claiming his 5lb allowance, Fourth Tudor should be capable of beating Common Farm again, even though he will be meeting him on 11lb worse terms this time.

Trompe D'Oeil, penalized 5lb for winning at Edinburgh, is certainly not harshly treated in the Whitcomb Nursery but that should still not obscure the fact that on his last visit to this particular Scottish track he could only finish fourth behind Rivers Secret and Fu Lu Shou in a similar race.

Fu Lu Shou has run badly at Brighton in the meantime so Rivers Secret gets the vote on this occasion. He will be only 5lb worse off for the three lengths that divided him and Trompe D'Oeil when they last met.

Otherwise my hopes at Hamilton are that Entire (2.15) and Light The Way (3.15) will take jockey George Duffield even closer to that elusive goal of riding 100 winners in a season.

Particularly like the chance of Entire in the Birniehill Maiden Stakes. For one bred the way he is, Reikioo out of a mare by Romulus, he did well to finish only 3 1/2 lengths behind Print over only five furlongs on his Hamilton debut last month. The extra furlong today is sure to suit Entire and Print has since franked the form by winning valuable nurseries at Newbury and Newmarket.

At Leicester, I hope to see Irish Sailor win the first



Little Folvor, who finished ninth in this year's Grand National, makes his seasonal debut at Fountwell today. The nine-year-old is seen here with his trainer, John Edwards.

division of the EBF Soar Maiden Stakes. Earlier this month, I noted Irish Sailor running well in the Newmarket race won by Follenate and he can now fulfil that promise. Kilmara should suit him very well following his terrific extra at Nottingham in August to suggest that he should go well to the second division.

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Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Sharp Shot.

Going: good to firm Draw: 51-61 low numbers best

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Guide to our in-line racecard

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FORM ABILEY ROCKET, a useful sprinter in 1984, gained his first victory since coming back when (8-10) in the South West (8-10) at Salisbury (7/23/86), good to firm, 11th of 11 in race (10/10) in 1985. At Salisbury (7/23/86), good to firm, 11th of 11 in race (10/10) in 1985.

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4.45 EBF SOAR MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £1,969: 7f) (7 runners)

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5.10 WYMESWOLD CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,488: 6f) (20 runners)

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CRICKET

England settle for draw as Gatting puts batting practice first

From a Special Correspondent, Bundaberg
England's opening tour game in Australia... England's opening tour game in Australia... England's opening tour game in Australia...

Botham's cruise is scuppered

Plans for a "breakfast cruise with Ian Botham" were scuppered yesterday... Botham's cruise is scuppered... Botham's cruise is scuppered...

ever, he batted for nearly three hours with quiet excellence... ever, he batted for nearly three hours with quiet excellence... ever, he batted for nearly three hours with quiet excellence...

Australians want better facilities

From Richard Streeton, Bombay
Far stricter security and less overcrowding... Far stricter security and less overcrowding... Far stricter security and less overcrowding...

Crompton blames the heat

Bombay (Reuters) - Aloo Crompton, the Australian cricket manager... Crompton blames the heat... Crompton blames the heat...



Americans at Oxford: Chris Peary (left), a member of the US Olympic eights bronze medal-winning team and Dan Lyons, of the coxless fours crew who won the world championships.

ROWING
Oxford to bank on Americans in the Boat Race

By Jim Railton
At least six Americans are expected to figure in the 1987 Boat Race crew... Oxford to bank on Americans in the Boat Race... Oxford to bank on Americans in the Boat Race...

RUGBY UNION

From Wollongong to Orrell and thence to Portugal

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent
From Wollongong to Orrell may be a shock to the system... From Wollongong to Orrell may be a shock to the system... From Wollongong to Orrell may be a shock to the system...

ICE HOCKEY

Fife off to a flyer for final

By A Correspondent
Only after the weekend's last group matches had been won... Fife off to a flyer for final... Fife off to a flyer for final...

SHOW JUMPING

Progress is quick for Collins

By Jenny MacArthur
Lucy Collins, who started showjumping last year... Progress is quick for Collins... Progress is quick for Collins...

Brain back to mastermind Warwickshire

Steve Brain, England's first-choice hooker... Brain back to mastermind Warwickshire... Brain back to mastermind Warwickshire...

Auckland meeting for World Cup managers

By David Hands
The managers of the 16 countries scheduled to contest... Auckland meeting for World Cup managers... Auckland meeting for World Cup managers...

TRIATHLON

Scott reclaims Ironman title

Kailua-Kona (AP) - After a one-year absence... Scott reclaims Ironman title... Scott reclaims Ironman title...

BASEBALL

Red Sox extend lead

New York (Reuters) - The Boston Red Sox beat the New York Mets 9-3... Red Sox extend lead... Red Sox extend lead...

FINAL TEST MATCH AVERAGES

Table with columns for batting and bowling averages for Australia and England. Includes names like J.J. Shastri, Kapil Dev, and bowlers like R. Ashwin, S. Prasad.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Christopher Davalle

Campaigner's ambitions hidden by the march of time

Red Elleo (BBC2, 10pm) is Bel Mooney's profile (rather a sketchy one) of a neglected figure in Labour politics. Ellen Wilkinson (1891-1947) is often remembered, if at all, for leading the Jarrow March. But there was a lot more to her than that. A scholarship girl from a working-class Methodist family, she took a degree in history at Manchester University, became a novelist, journalist, then MP for Jarrow in 1929. She was a remarkable woman, ambitious, impatient, passionate, intense, diminutive and full of feminine charm. She put politics before personal life, but had a close and fond relationship with Herbert Morrison, under whose influence her politics moved to the right. Her nickname came not only from her political leanings but also from her red hair, and possibly her flaming temper. — "She helped to make the dumb articulate," says her Parliamentary successor in Jarrow, Ernest Fernyhough. She ended up Minister for Education in the post-war Cabinet and succeeded in raising the school leaving age. But she died shortly after of an overdose of drugs, probably accidentally, although suicide was whispered by some. If she were here today, she would find some things little changed: she was one of 14 women MPs in 1929, and there are only 27 today. And in the town of Jarrow in 1986, one in three men are still unemployed.

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CHOICE

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increasingly severe effects of acid rain on Europe's forests, lakes, wildlife and even buildings, and points the finger of blame primarily at Britain.

Aberfan: 1966-86 (8.30pm, Radio 4). Vincent Kane commemorates the 20th anniversary of the disaster at Aberfan, South Wales, when a coal tip collapsed on to a village school, killing 116 children and 28 adults. The Queen asked for the flag of the nation to be flown at half-mast on the day of the mass funeral, and Welsh author Gwyn Thomas delivered an emotional tribute on radio, including the words, "Death has moved around our villages like a busy bagman; our graveyards seem to think her daughter, than others: the faces of our mothers

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● Moving into the 20th century, Malcolm Arnold's 65th Birthday Concert celebrates the composer of the Oscar-winning music for Bridge on the River Kwai with a concert which includes the first broadcast of his Fantasy on a theme of John Field. The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra is conducted by Edward Downes.

Anne Campbell Dixon



Forceful voice: Red Elleo in Trafalgar Square (BBC2, 10.00pm)

BBC1

- 6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Guy Michelmore.
6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55: regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.57.
9.05 Will to Win. The story of Dennis and Julia Bingham's attempt to become the first husband and wife team to win the title of Man Tourist Trophy sidcar race. (r)
9.35 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Elizabeth Watts and Wayne Jackson 10.50 Ceefax.
1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Sue Carpenter, includes news headlines with subtitles 1.25 Regional news. The weather details come from Michael Fish 1.30 Bertha. A See-Saw programme for the very young. (r)
1.45 International Snooker. Tony Meo versus John Parrott, from the Hexagon, Reading. Introduced by David Vna. 2.15 Ceefax. 3.52 Regional news. Jimbo and the Jet Set. (r) 4.00 The Chuckleheads. (r) 4.05 Captain Caveman. (r) 4.15 Beat the Teacher. Paul Jones presents another round of the teachers versus pupils quiz game.
4.30 Record Breakers. The first in a new series presented by Roy Castle, Fiona Kennedy and Julian Farrow. Among the record breaking attempts is one to improve on the Japanese record of 10,323 people sitting on each other's knees to form an unsupported circle; and another to beat the bear mauling record.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode five of the drama serial set in a secondary comprehensive. (r) (Ceefax)
11.45 Weather.

BBC2

- 5.35 Masterclass. Quiz game for teams, presented by Angela Ripston.
6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Frances Coverdale.
6.25 London Plus.
7.00 Telly Addicts. Following last week's tie, the Cleavers from Birmingham meet the Woodruffs from north London again. Presented by Noel Edmonds.
7.30 EastEnders. Pat Wicks arrives on the scene once more. Will it be her son or her ex-husband who will have the dubious pleasure of her company? Kathy's husband is mystified by the letter he receives from his wife, and Mary plots revenge for being humiliated. (Ceefax)
8.00 No Place Like Home. Domestic comedy series starring William Gault and Patricia Garwood as the Crabtrees, this evening taking a dislike to their daughter's new boyfriend. (Ceefax)
8.30 Yes, Prime Minister. Jim Hacker is worried about his first television interview since becoming PM. Whom should he invite to ask the questions? And should he wear glasses? (r) (Ceefax)
9.00 News with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 Big Deal. Robby Bax answers a maiden's prayer when Emma, a society girl, asks him to play poker with a noble lord who has been fleeing her brother, Stanning Ray Brooks. (Ceefax)
10.20 Film 88. Barry Norman reviews The Mission, and Robert Redford's latest, Legal Eagles. The Money Makers. David Lomax talks to John Harvey-Jones of Imperial Chemical Industries. (r)
11.20 Rhoda. Brenda regrets letting her best friend share a room. Starring Julie Kavner, Valerie Harper and David Groh (r)
11.45 Weather.

BBC3

- 9.00 Gharbar. Parveen Mirza talks to Mahesh Kotharia, president of the UK Theatresociety. Society, who has a son suffering from this particularly severe form of anemias.
9.25 Ceefax.
9.35 Daytime on Two: the beginning of the school year in Austria 8.52 Using old machinery as subjects for drawing 10.15 The story of a girl who befriends a badge 10.38 Investigating science: the electron microscope; and the prevention of tooth decay 11.00 Creatures living on trees; the Great Kovar 12.30 The Sullivan.
1.00 News at One with John Suchet 1.20 Thames news.
1.30 Mr Pathry of Westminster. The government investigator has the task of preventing a Marxist historian from publishing a book damaging to the government. (r) (Orca)
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- 9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 For Schools: physics - radioactivity 4.55 Children talk about truth and lies 10.05 How a visually handicapped boy communicates 10.26 Politics - local decisions and national decisions 10.48 A level - geography 11.10 Music from Ghana 11.27 The importance of setting scenery 11.44 An introduction to the writing of Robert Evans.
12.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for the very young. (r) 12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets and with guest, The Great Kovar 12.30 The Sullivan.
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CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 Timeless Burma. A documentary about life in the Asian country, the first to be made in Burma after the 1981 elections which saw Mr San Yu succeed the 19 year presidency of General Ne Win.
3.35 World of Animation. Presented by Richard Evans.
3.45 10 Million. The second of four consumer programmes made for Britain's 10 million older viewers. This afternoon Joan Shenton is in Jersey where she investigates the disaster that overtook a woman who entrusted everything she had to a storage company; Reg Gutteridge examines the claims of a shamoo developed for the elderly; and asks if making your own shoes is the answer for those with problem feet. (Orca)
4.30 Countdown. The reigning champion is challenged by Steve Wood, a Telecom manager from Horsham, Leeds.
5.00 Bewitched. Darrin is brought wealth and success when Gordon thinks her daughter is being deprived by her husband.
5.30 All Stitched Up. Part one of an eight-programme home dressmaking series. Today's edition includes fashion tips for the world Series Baseball. Highlights of the second game of the series between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Mets.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Trevor McDonald and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment from entrepreneur and best-selling author, Victor Kiara. Weather 7.50.
8.00 Brookside. Tracy's introduction to the world of modelling is less than auspicious.
8.30 4 What It's Worth. John Stoneborough investigates a company that stranded some of its disabled customers; and Bill Drexton asks experts whether the British Gas privatization will be a good bet for investors.
9.00 Film: Any Wednesday (1966) starring Jason Roberts and Jane Fonda. Comedy about a millionaire who is faithful to his wife six days a week but on Wednesdays has a change of scene with his mistress. Directed by Robert Ellis Miller.
11.00 It Takes a Worried Man. Comedy series starring, and written by, Peter Tilbury, as a middle-aged man, disillusioned with his job and trying to come to terms with a broken marriage. (r)
11.30 Too Close for Comfort. Henry is propositioned by a recently divorced friend of his wife's.
11.55 Studio 80. Musical entertainment including special guest Dionne Warwick, and a feature on the Beatles. Ends at 12.25.

VARIATIONS

- BBC1 WALES. 5.55pm-6.00 News Today. 6.30-7.00 Computer Challenge. 9.30-10.00 Aberfan 10.00-10.10 Big Deal 11.20-11.30 Film 11.30-11.55 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.20-10.30 Dorian 8.55pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 9.00-9.30 News 9.30-9.50 News 9.50-10.00 Like Home. NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35pm-5.45 Today's Sport 5.45-6.00 Today's News 6.30-7.00 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.30pm-7.00 Regional news magazine.
BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND. 7.35pm-7.40 Discovering Animals SCOTLAND. 7.35pm-8.00 News 8.30-8.40 Profound Waves. 8.30pm-8.55 Masterclass 8.55-9.00 News.
CHANNEL 4. 12.30-1.00 Gating On 1.30 News 1.30 Brain Lagrone 1.35-2.30 Country Practice 3.00-3.30 Questions 3.55-4.45 Stars & Daughters 6.00 Channel Report 6.30-7.00 News 7.00-7.15 Jazzy 7.15-7.30 News 7.30-7.45 Jazzy 7.45-8.00 News.
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Ballesteros loses adviser but rift is denied

By Mitchell Platts
The multi-million pounds business empire of Severiano Ballesteros is being switched from Madrid to Santander following an amicable parting of the ways between the Spanish golfer and his business adviser Jorge Ceballos.

relaxed family lifestyle. "I have never considered myself as Seve's manager," Ceballos said.

Schedule change likely in 1987

Severiano Ballesteros left Paris following the Lazard Trophy on Sunday so exhausted that it would not be a surprise if he once again changed his schedule for 1986 (Mitchell Platts writes).

Ceballos, a founder member of the Fairways SA company, formed in 1981 to handle the golfer's business affairs in Spain, will be replaced by Joe Collet, an American mormon who previously worked for Uni-Managers International.

Ceballos will cease to be a director of Fairways SA - Ballesteros has 85 per cent of the shares and his brothers Baldomero, Manuel and Vicente have five per cent each - but through another company, Camcorp Spain, he will continue to work with Roddy Carr, the former Walker Cup

golfer, in helping to organize the Peugeot Spanish Open on Ballesteros's behalf. Meanwhile, I understand that Collet, who has been out of the golf scene for four years, will shortly leave his Los Angeles home.

Collet, formerly a lawyer, is a fine linguist - he speaks fluent Spanish - and it was he who regularly visited Ballesteros in Pedreña when the golfer was a client of Uni-Managers International even though the head of that corporation was Ed Barber.

It is likely that Collet will have a more concrete arrangement with Ballesteros than Ceballos, who it is understood was paid a salary with no formal contract. Ballesteros and Ceballos conducted their affairs on a handshake rather like Max McCormack, the head of the global International Management Group, and Arnold Palmer.

Ceballos was almost certainly influential in Ballesteros's remaining loyal to Uni-Managers International in the late 1970s when the International Management Group were eager to add the Spaniard to their veritable stable of sporting stars.

Ballesteros has since shown his own dexterity in business matters and as such he can be as demanding with the people who run his affairs as he is with himself on the golf course.



Bonsignor: Driving her way to victory against Clare Wood (Photograph: Hugh Roudledge)

Miss Wade beats younger players to fifth place

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The aspiring young professionals of British women's tennis, promising though they are, have yet to inspire confidence. That message emerged from two news items coinciding with the start of the Brighton Centre yesterday.

Virginia Wade, aged 41, will fill the vacant fifth position in the Wightman Cup team to play the United States at the Albert Hall next week - and six British players have missed a chance to collect \$275 each (about £180) by playing in the Brighton qualifying competition.

Miss Wade said she was happy to be "first reserve" and did not intend to play unless circumstances demanded it. That is most likely to occur if Sue Gomer's recently strained thigh muscle lets her down, or in the event of a critical doubles in which experience could matter more than youth.

The odd feature of the Brighton qualifying competition, which included 10 British players, was the six top in the draw. "This is the first time that has ever happened here," said George Hendon, the tournament director. "Four other British girls entered but were not ranked high enough to get into the qualifying - and did not keep checking to see if a vacancy had occurred."

Wembley welcome for Cash

Pat Cash, the Australian now fully recovered from a string of illnesses which kept him out of action for so long earlier this year, plays in the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley from November 11-16.

Len Owen, the tournament director, announced yesterday that he had awarded Cash one of the three wild cards at his disposal. Cash's illnesses, which included an operation for appendicitis just before Wimbledon caused his world ranking to plunge to around the 400 mark.

Recently Cash won both his singles in the Davis Cup semifinal tie against the United States and Owen said: "I am delighted to give one of the wild cards to such a popular player. It will be his first appearance in our championships and I am hoping he will also play in the doubles with Paul McNamee."

Boris Becker, the Wimbledon champion, and Ivan Lendl, the world No 1, head the entry, but Owen is still holding a wild card in reserve in the hope that John McEnroe, a former title-holder will request to play.

McEnroe has accepted a wild card entry for the inaugural Paris Open, starting on October 27, which will offer \$625,000 in prize money on offer is already the richest tournament outside the Grand Slam tournaments. McEnroe has won his last three tournaments, but would probably be forced to enter - and win - at Wembley and Houston if he is to reach the top eight players who qualify for the Masters in New York in December.

An American Prof at the old Academy

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Why not ask an American, whose only previous book was entitled 'Cromwell and the New Model Army', to publish an account of West Ham United? After all, given time and a typewriter, a monkey could reproduce the Bible.

It took Charles Korr 14 years to complete his task. Yet the choice of author should not be considered so unlikely. Who better to examine the club that became known as "the Academy of Soccer" than an associate professor of history, even if he is employed at the University of Missouri?

Sport's effect on English culture

Korr was responsible for the original idea, the source of which was equally far-fetched. During the 1968 Olympics, as he watched Smith and Carlos salute with clenched fists on the winner's rostrum, he became aware that sport was "no longer just fun and games."

He decided to investigate its effect on English culture. He contacted the nine League clubs in London. He dismissed Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur because their crowds were too cosmopolitan. Chelsea because the spectators were "hangers-on" and Fulham "because I wasn't sure if I could find their supporters".

The chairman, the late Reg Pratt, and the secretary, Eddie Chapman, opened every door in Upton Park. "They allowed me to see all their financial records and even the minutes of every board meeting between 1906, when the club was formed, to 1970. That was 8,854 pages of information."

"For a historian like me, that was like sitting in a goldmine." But chiselling out the words became a "painful" process and he found "a whole bunch of interesting and virtuous things to do to give my conscience an excuse not to write". From 1978 to 1982 he penned political speeches instead. A year ago he voluntarily offered the publishers, Duckworth, a deadline.

Otherwise, he said, last night's party to celebrate the publication of 'West Ham United: The Making of a Club that sticks to its promises'.

Unhappy Welsh memories

From Clive White, Zaragoza

The referees for the two legs of Wrexham's European Cup Winners' Cup second-round tie against Real Zaragoza will be men who have been involved in controversial incidents involving the Welsh national team. Tomorrow's first leg here and the return in a fortnight's time are to be refereed by Robert Wurtz of France and Jan Keizer of The Netherlands.

Wurtz awarded a penalty against Wales for handball by Scotland's Jordan in a crucial World Cup tie which cost Wales their place in the Argentina finals of 1978. Keizer's similarly controversial decision for handball against Phillips in last season's World Cup qualifier against Scotland dashed Wales's Mexican dreams.

Of course, Wrexham's dreams are much less tangible and there is little logical reason why they should be capable of extending their interest in this competition beyond this leg, let alone any further.

Zaragoza, who have strengthened their side by importing two notable foreigners, Sosa from Uruguay and Yanez from Chile, were upped by some observers as the team with the best chance of disturbing the Barcelona-Real Madrid monopoly in the Spanish League this season. However, at the moment they languish in fourteenth position in a league of 18 teams and lost 3-2 at home to Real Betis at the weekend. John Toshack, the Welshman who is now managing Real Sociedad, has given Dixie McNeil, the Wrexham manager, a detailed report on their Spanish opponents.

RUGBY LEAGUE Coach relieved

By Keith Macklin

The Great Britain coach, Maurice Bamford, heaved a huge sigh of relief at the end of the Lancashire Cup final on Sunday because of fear of injuries. Throughout the final, Bamford had his fingers crossed for the three Wigan players who could play a leading role in his team plans for the first international against Australia at Old Trafford Saturday.

Elley Hanley, Henderson Gill and Shaun Edwards and the remaining 14 members of the 17-man squad to prepare for the match yesterday moved into training camp at Shaw Hill Golf and Country Club at Chorley in Lancashire. The week will be spent not merely in orthodox rugby training, but in sessions devoted to psychological preparation and the building-up of team spirit.

TEAM: Coach, Bamford; Morimer, McNeil, O'Connor; Lays, Alexander; Deley, Elias (capt); Bala, Quinn, Dawdson; Langmack; Subs: Jack, Dowling.

SNOOKER Impressive Thorne pulls clear

Willie Thorne produced a series of fine breaks to reach the last 16 of the £275,000 Rothmans Grand Prix in Reading yesterday.

Thorne pulled away from Warren King, the new Australian champion, with some impressive snooker as he knocked in eight breaks of more than 30. King was hanging on grimly at 2-2 but Thorne, who had swept through the third frame with two breaks of over fifty, produced further breaks of 37, 50 and 87 to go through 5-2.

King's best chance came in the sixth frame. After coming back from 48-2 down with a break of 23, he fluked a red but then missed a simple black. Thorne admitted he had reservations about beating his opponent. "I was really worried about playing him, and at 2-2 at the interval, it was even worse."

Thorne also had praise for the table being used at Reading. "That could well be the best table I have ever played upon," he said.

"I can keep going in the tournament. I'll definitely make plenty of centuries and I was kicking myself for not making one in the last frame."

Thorne, who claimed the £50,000 first prize in the Matchroom Professional tournament at the end of last month, could have some famous support if he reaches the final on Sunday. Gary Lineker, a close friend of his, may fly over to support him.

Who Thorne will meet either Neil Foulds or Cliff Wilson in the fifth round, has lost 22 pounds in weight since last season. Les Dodd, ranked 69th in the world, has lost 34 pounds to come down to 17½ stones.

Dodd, however, was knocked out 5-2 by Mike Hallett in the afternoon's other fourth-round match. Dodds had beaten Kirk Stevens, the world No. 9, in the qualifying rounds. Hallett, who had breaks of 67, 93, 42, 35 and 76, will now meet either Jimmy White or Jack MacLaughlin.

Rea Williams, the sixteenth seed, comfortably beat Mark Wildman 5-1 to secure a fifth round meeting with Alex Higgins.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Screening solution

Aston Villa have found an enterprising way around Luton Town's "members only" scheme by arranging closed-circuit television coverage of their fixture at Kenilworth Road on February 14. Up to 3,000 Villa fans will be able to watch the game on a giant screen at Aston Villa's Sports and Leisure Centre in warmth and comfort on a winter's day.

A fraction out

Andrea Holmes, from Dunstable, just missed becoming the women's world trampolining champion in Paris. The Russian, Tatiana Lushina, won the title with a polished finishing display and 97.3 points leaving Miss Holmes, aged 16, to be second place with 97 pts.

Champion out

Mark Schultz, the reigning 83 kilogram freestyle wrestling champion, was eliminated from the world championship yesterday in Budapest.

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Pulling out

The Italian tyre manufacturers, Pirelli, still intend to withdraw from formula-one motor racing and will discontinue supplies to teams following the last grand prix of the season in Australia on Sunday. The recent victory of Austrian driver, Gerhard Berger, in Mexico has not made the company change its mind.

Oily protest

Anti-apartheid activists poured oil on the Newlands cricket pitch in Cape Town yesterday to protest against the forthcoming Australian rebel tour.

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